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Tnings in General.

HE "Daily Star," of this city, has replied to the article in "Saturday Night" dealing with the question of only permitting British goods to utilize the tariff pre-ference if said goods are landed in a Canadian port. To return to the question itself, so that the matter may be understood, my proposition was that if British goods are allowed the preference of 33 I-3 per cent., that preference should only hold if the goods are landed directly from Britain at Canadian ports. My argument was that as nearly forty million dollars' worth of goods are landed in Canada either directly or indirectly from Great Britain, if they were all landed at a Canadian port—say Montreal or Quebec in the summer, Halifax or St. John in the winter—half of these goods at least, or twenty million dollars' worth, would go to build up a freight business for the Intercoionial, and would prevent the C.P.R. and G.T.R. giving us this everlasting bluff about using Portland and Boston instead of Canadian ports. The "Star" takes the ground that the passage of a law forcing the goods preferred by tariff on account of their British origin into Canadian ports would be a hard blow at the Grand Trunk, and would simply bring further grist to the C.P.R. mill. It is quite true that the C.P.R. is the one now making the bluff against the Government, insomuch as they are trying to force the Minister of Railways and Canals to give them a running arrangement over the and Canals to give them a running arrangement over the Intercolonial railway which would simply suck that railway

I am not anxious to set myself up as a master of the distribution of traffic. To understand the distribution of traffic amongst railroads drawing their freights from the road which does the original haulage, one would have to be an expert traffic-manager. The system, however, is not difficult, and there is no traffic-manager in Canada or the United States who does not understand the proportion which friendly roads give and receive from one another to make an equitable scheme for all. The Grand Trunk is the natural connection of the Intercolonial. If the Inter-colonial hauls the freight from Haliax to Montreal, all the roads centering there would naturally have a fair proportion of it distributed to them. If the C.P.R. takes more than its share from St. John the Grand Trunk would be given a larger proportion from the Intercolonial cars at Montreal. It would be well for newspaper editors to understand the methods of railçoads before seeking to make appear that the advantage one road has at the point where the freight is delivered to it is not off-set under a friendly Government regulation by advantages that the road which appears to be under disabilities is afforded at some other point.

It may be unfortunate that the railroads and Governarrangements do exist, and probably always will exist, and, under the system which I have suggested, after forcing the preferred British trade into preferred Canadian ports, an equitable profit out of hauling these goods and delivering them throughout Canada could be arranged.

The same is true of the passenger traffic that would be created by the fast Atlantic service. The passenger traffic from steamers, however, is not now a matter of discord, for there is none to speak of by Halifax or St. John. and there is little or none by Boston or Portland. Under the arrangement proposed, an equitable distribution of the passenger traffic could be made at Montreal, so that neither the C.P.R. nor the G.T.R. would be damaged. What should be borne in mind, however, is this, that nearly all the ireight delivered by the C.P.R. and G.T.R. to the Intercolonial at Montreal is only what is left over after every effort has been made to divert traffic over these lines to the sea-board; under the arrangement that I suggest the Intercolonial railway could have more freight and passengers to deliver to these two roads than has ever been de-livered by either or both of them to the Intercolonial. Under the present circumstances, the Intercolonial is at the mercy of the two other great roads of Canada; under the arrangement I propose the two great roads of Canada would be soliciting business from the Intercolonial at Montreal. be soliciting business from the Intercolonial at Montreal. Instead of the Government road being simply a weakling at the mercy of its competitors, it would be a great feeder of both. Its business could not be displaced by either; its traffic arrangements would be regarded by both. Neither Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways, nor anyone else can make a railway powerful and successful if it is merely the plaything of its competitors.

In railway matters I think I have had as much experience as anyone who is writing on the question in Canada.

ence as anyone who is writing on the question in Canada, and much that is written against the management of railways does not appeal to me because it is simply a local kick which no one can understand except the officials dealing with the matters which cause that local quarrel. Railroad matters, as they affect the Government of a country and the building up of a national trade should be the bu of every citizen. If the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific handle their excursion business so as to displease wouldexcursionists, that is their funeral, and their loss of business should teach them the necessity of a change of policy; in the national sphere, however, the man in private life, or the one who has assumed some responsibilities public life, must naturally turn to the policy which makes the Government, instead of the railway, supreme in the

management of the transportation affairs of the Dominion.

Of course it is possible that if a law such as has been suggested were passed the Dominion Government would favor the C.P.R.; it is also possible that it would favor the G.T.R.; but we ought to hope from our Government that it would favor neither, and be entirely just in the distribuof its traffic. First of all, we must have the traffic delivered to the Intercolonial as the original and receiving road; then the railroads would have to come to the Government for favors in matters of transportation, instead of forcing the Government to go to the railways for a trans-

portation policy.

I resent the idea of the "Star" that the seheme I have proposed would cripple the Grand Trunk. I believe that Grand Trunk can look after itself, and that nobody who understands railway management is unaware of the fact that discrimination against a road is a dangerous thing. I simply believe that if a government has a railroad to man age, it should do the best possible for itself. The private corporations owned and managed by the most able men money can procure, will look for the end which comes their way. It may be that the Intercolonial, in feeding Montreal than the C.P.R., but it is also true that the C.P.R. only goes to St. John, not to Halifax, and that haulage and the delivery of freight and passengers at Montreal would have to be done on an equitable basis. If the editor of the "Star" will kindly look into the question, he will find there is a very easy and equitable way of adjusting this matter. That some trouble appears on the surface is no reason why the present abominable system should prevail in preference to the Intercolonial being given a chance to the dividing instead of being the recipient of the meagre favors of other roads.

THE point has recently been raised by the suicide of a

right to take his life, that it must approve the tramp's claim that every man has a right to a living. To put it briefly, if a man has not a right to die, he certainly has a right to live. If we forbid a man to cease living, we certainly should provide him with some means of staying alive without the terrible terrors of starvation and lack of habitation. If when a man is discovered to be incapable of making a liv-ing he were killed, that would end the discussion, but when me me were killed, that would end the discussion, but when we put him in jail for trying to die, and also put him in jail for not being able to live, we are certainly illogical. For years I have advocated the idea of having some public work upon which every man could be placed who says he cannot find employment. There he would find work and sufficient food and raiment, and any balance that he could make over the cost of his living could be sent to his family. This is the whole solution of the tramp question, and

it seems to me it would do away with the pathetic cry of the beggar who says that he can get nothing to do.

It is either the Government's business to kill the unfor-tunate unemployed or allow them to kill themselves, or clase to give them employment. In a new country like Canada there are plenty of opportunities of giving every man something to do, and of divesting the lazy of their oft-heard cry that they cannot find work. If the Government is fraternal enough to forbid a man to kill himself, it should be paternal enough to provide him with some means of living. Men could be put on railways and canals and build wharves and breakwaters, and their lives be so arranged that the moment they deserted their post they would be obliged to run away from the country. There are many people who cannot provide themselves with work; they are so constituted that employment either cannot be found or retained. It may be that our conventionalities permit the bringing into the world of men and women who are no use to it, but we certainly ought to be in a position to make them as profitable an investment as possible. If they cannot find work, it must be found for them. It seems to me that one of the most crying injustices of modern society is that we arrest a man for trying to kill himself and we also arrest him for not being able to live. The jail eems to be the meeting point of these two extremes, and

a derelict of this sort to go ashore where he sees fit. It man goes to the country for a good time, and year after seems to me that if organized society says a man has no year the country man comes to the city with the same obyear the country man comes to the city with the same object in view. Each is disappointed to a large extent with what he gets in return for his money, but it is the proper thing to go away from home once a year for a so-called holiday, and so the urbanite and the ruralite continue to swap visits annually, and each pretends that he enjoys himself in surroundings which, nine times in ten, are simply irritating and distressing because they are unfamiliar. People go out from Toronto into the rural districts to get fresh air, nourishing food and rest. As a rule they get more dust-laden, microbe-ridden atmosphere into their lungs than they would by remaining in the city, which is clean and sanitary from sheer necessity. The man who has been tied to a desk for twelve months lets his imagination run riot on the beauties of country life, but as a matter of fact there is nothing more trying to a tired mind and body. accustomed to the comforts of modern appliances, than the conditions which obtain in summer in the average country town or on a farm. Dust, insect pests, bad water, inferior food, the impossibility of getting a bath in a vessel appreciably larger than a tea-cup, and if one is a companionable soul, the necessity of contenting oneself with decoctions that would send anyone not used to a salt pork diet to an early grave, are some of the minor afflictions encountered by the man who goes back to "the old home" to spend his nolidays. The best food raised on the farms of Ontario is regularly sent to the large markets, and only the residue is obtainable by the city visitor to the country. Even the silence and solitude are apt to be oppressive and wearing to the man accustomed to dwell within ear-shot of the pleasant and sociable sounds of city life. Much as he may rail against unnecessary noises, he returns to town with a kindly feeling towards the trolley car, the steam whistle, and the itinerant vendor. Though he may have little faith in the administration of the laws of the city, he knows that it is superior to that of the rural districts, and the sight of a lazy policeman at the street corner causes him to reflect that there is more security for persons and property in the toughest city street patrolled by a copper than in a solitude where crime, when it crops up, is likely to outstrip detection. On the whole, the city man comes back from the country feeling that there is indeed no place like home. there the man does nothing and the public pays the cost. I and as the experience is annually repeated, it is a wonder

you because he sits in the same seat is often a nuisance. you because he sits in the same seat is often a nuisance. The woman who stares at you until you wonder whether she is trying to identify you as a jewelry thief, may be arrayed in purple and fine linen, but her deportment gives her dead away, and at the same time makes things uncomfortable for others. The young man with the loud guffaw and the girl with the penetrating giggle should travel in the baggage car, or wait for the next cattle-train. Crying the baggage car, or wait for the next cattle-train. Crying babies are an affliction to anyone with nerves concealed babies are an affliction to anyone with nerves concealed about his person, but both they and the r mothers are to be pitied, and so can be forgiven. But of all the nuisances, the uncivil official who speaks to you as if he or the company owned an assignment of your life insurance, is the most intolerable, and should be given only enough rope to throw himself. The uncivil official is in the power of the passenger, if

the latter cares to take advantage of his position. Fortun-ately, the uncivil official is a rara avis on Canadian railways; ately, the uncivil official is a rara avis on Canadian railways; yet he does exist. The neglectful official is more common. I recently had occasion to make a railway trip of more than one hundred miles in a day coach, and in the whole course of the run I do not think the conductor or brakescourse of the run I do not think the conductor or brakesman came through the train more than three times. Four fresh young men started up a game of cards, and for a time were quite hilarious. as some people always are with the pasteboards in their fists. This was not the nicest thing to have going on in a car occupied by ladies as well as gentlemen. But there was no official to interfere, and none of the passengers felt called upon to bring an official in. I have a good deal of sympathy for the thoughtlessness and high spirits of youth, but the smart young man who makes himself obnoxious in the attempt to rivet everybody's attention on himself, ought to be suppressed, together with the seat-hog, the conversational bore, the staring woman, and the giggling girl. and the giggling girl. .

THE Mayor was greatly exercised the other day lest the City Hall should be struck with a bolt from heaven, and insisted that all the electric lights in the building should be turned off while the storm lasted. It is something new to find Toronto's mayor fearing anything from a skyward source. skyward source. However, his scare was perhaps not alto-gether unreasonable, for if the City Hall and the admin-istration it contains were wiped out of existence nothing could be more appropriate than their destruction by the wrath from above

ANY reasons have been assigned for the fact that the overwhelming majority of church-goers are women. Quite the most novel solution of the problem, however, comes from a country elergyman in England, who thinks that if barber shops were open on Sunday the male attendance at church would be greatly increased, for "nothing deters a laboring man more from attending church or chapel than to be unshaven." Trivial excuses for absence from public worship are made to do duty by a great many persons, who, if the truth were told, are simply too lazy, too tired, too irreligious, or too sincere, to be bothered with formalities which may mean nothing to them. Doubtless many a man has pleaded his unshaven condition when less many a man has pleaded his unshaven condition when his wife wanted him to turn out to Sun-day morning service, though his real reason was disinclination from some other cause. A man who can't find time on Saturday night to shave or be shaven, is not likely to find time on Sunday to go to church, no matter what obstacles are removed. If Sunday barbering will add to real piety and lead to conscientious barbering will add to real piety and lead to conscientious attendance at the house of prayer, perhaps we should not hesitate to inaugurate Sunday barbering. But if the barber is to shave and shear on the seventh day, that others may pray, when is he going to find time to do any praying for himself? It is all very fine for the preachers to shoulder the responsibility for non-attendance at church on the barber, the helders the confliction of the preacher the barber the shoulder the responsibility for non-attendance at church on the der the responsibility for non-attendance at church on the barber, the baker, the candle-stick maker—everybody, in fact, but the right party. The pew, or some section of the industrial community, is always bearing the blame for the failure of the pulpit to be successful at its own game. It is not the shaving, but the saving, that is at fault. The preachers ought to get down to hard pan, and account for the non-interest of men in the church and its services, on the basis of their own inability to attract the modern man or to hold him.

STEINITZ, at one time the greatest chess player in the world, is dead, but nobody will miss him outside the circles in which he played, and the lunatic asylums where from time to time he was incarcerated. Proficiency at chess, or at such games as whist, is supposed to indicate depth of intellect and mental grasp, but it is astonishing find how many expert manipulators of the pawns of cards are otherwise very ordinary personages. never hope to distinguish themselves outside their particular hobby. Many a brain-worker finds recreation in some game of skill, and through natural aptitude or practice becomes an adept, but the expert as a rule is a specialist or a freak, and his success does not turnish proof of general ability or mental powers of a high order. There are hosts of successful and gifted men who could never become more han ordinarily adept at chess or whist. The idea that masery of such games furnishes a measure of a man's mentality s rubbish. If it were well founded. Steinitz, Marshall, Lasker. Pillsbury, and the other great chess players ought to have given proof of genius in some department of actvity other than their own narrow hobby

CHICAGO man has been discovered who can board himself for a dollar a week, and have plenty to nourish himself, with an occasional luxury. I have read his bill of fare, and see no reason why healthy people should of lare, and see no reason why healthy people should find it sufficient. Some people, men particularly, drink a great deal so they can eat, and eat a great deal so that they can with comparative safety drink a great deal without breeding a hob-nailed liver. If people simplified their lives they would have to work less for a living. It is the artificialities of life which we are laboring for. Men toil in office, warehouse, and factory for three hundred days of the year to provide themselves and their families with such elaborate education, food, clothes, and shelter as are not necessary to the perfection of the race. Men and women worry themselves to death thinking of what will become of those they leave behind, when they die. They also make hemselves miserable thinking about what will become of hem after they die. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil them after they die. thereof." Self-indulgence in this world goes poorly with a hankering for the best things in the world to come, but it consuming far more energy than attempts to make today a moment of contentment and happiness for all. seems to me that if the human family is merely an experi-ment on this earth, that we have fallen down in front of our task in a most lamentable way.

TALKING about simple living and the ease and contentment which comes with it at so small ment which comes with it at so small a price, I am reminded that the man Ferrell, who killed his friend the Express-Messenger in Ohio, recently, claimed that he wanted the money for his approaching marriage. So! Why should marriage be such an expensive and elaborate process that a man is tempted to kill his friend and rob an





THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF HOPETOUN. FIRST GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA AND CONSORT.

ONSUMPTION as a disease has long been the terror of not only Canada, but every other country. It has been discovered, so the doctors tell us, that in its early stages it is curable, and that in all its stages it is contagious. In the old days one stricken with consumption that the does not in time profit by it, and either spend his holidays in town or go away to some other city when he needs a change of scene. Of the two courses, the former would seem to be the better.

Toronto affords unequalled facilities for entertaining her early stages it is curable, and that in all its stages it is contagious. In the old days one stricken with consumption was carefully tended or generally neglected on the basis that no human assistance could avail. We are also told that no human assistance could avail. We are that the hereditary taint does not exist; that it is only a that the hereditary taint does not exist; that it is only a that the hereditary taint does not exist; that it is only a liability to have one's lungs consumed by the doctors call it, which we inherit. All this may be The graveyards of Canada testify to the fact that the children and grandchildren of the sturdiest parents have perished with consumption. The great crusade which is being undertaken to prevent the spread of this disease may or may not effect results proportionate to the agitation. We are consumed, according to the medical newspapers. by so many kinds of bacilli that it really seems unimportant which color or variety of germ is to do us up; but the fanaticism produced by medical theories is obvious. Now the consumptive is hunted from house and home in the neighborhood of well people with almost as much fear and plence as if the patient were suffering from small-pox. People believe in the theory of contagion, and there is no coward so cruel as the one who fears that he or she will become afflicted with a fatal disease. If the doctors keep on teaching this sort of thing, what is to become of the Is he or she to be expelled from all respectable neighborhoods and populous places, to die in the wilderness, or are proper hospitals to be provided by the people for the care of these unfortunates? If the conagion theory is correct, methods of treatment and hospitals should be provided at public expense. At one time we thought nothing of nursing a consumptive in our homes; now a sanitarium for consumptives in the suburbs is considered a nuisance.

What are we going to do for these people with a cough? Is the propagation of the contagious theory to go on without any measures being provided for the maintenance or cure of the unfortunate? In some sanitariums, and in many hotels, the "lungers," as they are called, are prohibited from having a room, or even their meals. What hibited from having a room, or even their meals. What is the end of it all? One might as well be a leper and cry "Unclean!" as have a cough. To the pains of a long and fatal disease is now added this terrible ostracism, which means that for months, perhaps for years, the faces of friends and acquaintances are averted, and one must suffer and die alone. It is a terribly tough proposition.

ROM now on, people who left the city for rest and change will be flocking back to get down again to the grindstone. In the majority of cases the residents of seek for pleasure in rural solitudes which the fancy man who claimed that he had no way of making a cities seek for pleasure in rural solitudes which the fancy living, as to the right of society generally to forbid paints as near to nature's heart. Year after year the city

own people through the summer months. The late hot spell was of an exceptional character, and as a rule Toronto is a much cooler place than other Canadian or Yankee cities of equal size. But even in such a wave of torridity as struck us last week, we are far better equipped for pleasurable existence than other places. We have parks galore, the cool expanse of Lake Ontario lies at our very door, and there are dozens of little inexpensive trips which one can make without disturbing the even tenor of home life. Outof town summering has become a fad, however, with Toron-onians, and everybody rushes away in July and August to pend money far from home on what turns out as a rule o be a very inferior brand of pleasure. Our own city is a tural summer resort, but our own people do not recognize the fact themselves, and then marvel why others do ecognize it. The people of Toronto have of late years be-ome so given over to hieing themselves away with the first breath of warm air, that business in many lines is pracically paralyzed for a large portion of the summer season. There is really no occasion for this state of affairs, and it is pretty certain that before long there will be a reaction gainst the senseless fad which condemns everyone who makes the least pretence of being in the swim to leave a cool, beautiful and clean city for the discomfort and dirt of the average out-of-town life.

SPEAKING of the discominders of the conventional summer holiday, I am reminded that not infrequently one of the worst features of travelling to and from out-ofthe-way places is the crowding in ill-ventilated day coaches and the selfishness and incivility of people who do not "see the cars" often enough to know that when they have bought a railway ticket they do not own the rolling stock and the entire train staff thrown in. Doubtless the majority of peoble are good-natured and willing to share up both comforts and discomforts in travelling. But there is always on every rain the ignorant and boorish man or woman who planks his or her avoirdupois into a seat, together with enough aggage to overload a pack-mule, and refuses to make om for a fellow-passenger unless requested point-blank, and then only with the worst possible grace. This, how-ever, is one of the smallest unpleasantries of riding to and in out-of-the-way parts, for the seat monopolists can e brought to time with the same cool assertiveness which they accord to others, without any transgression of the golden rule or of the laws of etiquette. There is a great deal of rudeness in the average railway train that is much harder to put up with. The man who insists on talking to

is to blame for this matrimonial humbuggery? Are not the churches partly to blame, together with those who make it a sacrament and expensive feast day whenever two people of opposite sexes determine to live together and rear their children in legitimacy?

KNOW that in some Roman Catholic countries the expenses of legitimate marriage are so excessive that they are avoided, and more children are born out of wedlock than in it. Canada and many other countries governed ostensibly at least by the laity, have simplified the formula so that any one, by the payment of a small fee, can get a marriage license. But what matters this if the con-

can get a marriage license. But what matters this if the conventions of society demand that a wedding shall involve great expense and a jamboree, which must include a trip to "New York and other cities." Talk about the simplification of life; it should begin at the wedding day, and run through the whole piece, including the funeral.

Why should a family impoverish itself in spending money for the funeral of the dead, when every cent is needed for the maintenance of the living? Why do we, who believe ourselves to be so civilized that our missionaries go abroad to convince other nations of our sanity and divine relations, make life such a task, and well-doing such divine relations, make life such a task, and well-doing such a hardship? Surely we are going to simple peoples to teach them complex problems. This, as China has shown us, is not regarded as a favor. I do not think it is. We can learn of the heathen, not try to teach them, while this

R. GOLDWIN SMITH has just celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday. Toronto and Canada has not yet agreed to erect a monument to Mr. Goldwin Smith, but despite our resentment of many of his views, we all respect the Sage of the Grange, and are proud that he is a citizen of Toronto. I often think that Mr. Goldwin Smith would have been a swashbuckler knight of the old school had he been born a couple of hundred years earlier. Not that his sword, which is his pen, is for hire, but he is everlastingly for the under dog so long as that dog is not Irish. Outside of the limitations which we must put upon praise as well as calumny, Mr. Goldwin Smith has been a factor for good. In my probably poor opinion, no English-speak for good. In my probably poor opinion, no English-speaking man has such a facility of expression as is possessed by Mr. Goldwin Smith. Almost unanimously, I disagree with him, but that is perhaps my fault. I think he is academic, full of fads, and out of joint with the people, but he is honest, and that is what few of us are. His advocacy of losing causes is his best recommendation. While he lives, the under-dog will never be worried without a powerful pen being wielded to heat the under dog and we may all he being wielded to beat the upper dog, and we may all be proud of a man who writes for the newspapers and is not the creature of the advertiser or the politician.

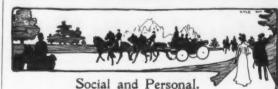
ANADA, to its great disadvantage, has been doing an export business in young men. It may be remembered that I remarked upon the outgoing of the Canadian Contingents, that inducements would doubtless be offered to them to remain in South Africa. This has come to pass, and while we sympathize with the section of the British world which is trying to build up the Empire, we cannot with equanimity regard the proposal to keep our Empireoffering as citizens of a country to which this Dominion
sent them as defenders, not as emigrants. The protests of
the London papers are timely, and it is to be hoped will

THE hate of a woman is worse than —. Of course we do not know what hell is, but the hate of a woman is worse than anything we know of. The Boers are now a conquered people; De Wet seems to be the only survivor, but the women hate us as only women can. They do not reason, they only play the game of the war element without asking questions or hoping for results. They are the ones who will rock the cradle of the next generation. So the war will not be over till these women are dead and the ones they teach are in their graves. This is the history the ones they teach are in their graves. This is the history of conquest and the story of the world's redemption. If it is hard in the Transvaal, what will it be in China? There the traditions are further than are ours from the givenof civilization, and the process will not be one of generations, but centuries.

DEOPLE who think they understand something about the big game of poker now being played in the Far East, may be heard every day talking glibly about the ability of Japan to play a winning hand if Russia, France and Germany would only let her get in the game. Japan undoubtedly could have hammered China almost out of existence five years ago, if she had been allowed to. The map of Asia might have been altered, and to-day the Mikado might have been reigning over a large slice of the Celestial Empire. Thoughtful people who have given some study to the situation are by no means cock-sure that this would have been an undisguised blessing to civilzation as we understand it, nor are they certain that the European governments have been wrong in refusing, since the present trouble broke out, to make Japan their mandatory without receiving assurances that she will claim no privileged position. There are reasons, as the London "Spectator" points out, which justify caution in employing Japan, and with these reasons, Mr. Freeman Mitford, who of all men is said to understand Japanese policy, entirely agrees. Once give Japan foothold on the continent of Asia, he says, and you will have given reality to the "yeland "have conjured into existence a disturbing orce that may alter the map of Asia, if not of the world." Some of its effects are already being keenly felt on the Pacific Slope, but doubtless these are mild compared with what they would be were all the teeming millions of the Far East cut adrift from their old industrial system and launched into the labor market as manufacturing competi-tors with the West. The white race could not live in the face of such competition, and the whole world would be revolutionized. What I want to call attention to is that it is precisely this peril—not political, but industrial, in its character—that we are forcing on ourselves through our failure to mind our own business and leave the nations of Asia to their way of doing things, and to an industrial system that is admirably adapted to their needs. We cannot expect to "civilize" and Christianize the population of Asia without altering their whole mode of life, making it the same as that of so-called civilized and Christian nations. If we succeed in turning the Chinaman into a Westerner, we must expect him to be what we make him, but the dif ficulty will be that he may never become anything but a Chinaman at heart, and will probably adopt the very things we don't want him to adopt. Asia is a great big rabbit warren. As long as the rabbits are confined, all may go well. But if we once drive them out of their enclosure, they will devour our crops, and our children will find themselves without bread.

The Earl of Hopetoun.

John Adrian Louis Hope, seventh Earl of Hopetoun, the first Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth, whose portrait appears on our first page, was born at Hopetoun in September, 1860. He goes at the age of exactly forty to govern at the Antipodes; but he goes the possessor of administrative and other experience greater than is often acquired by a man of moderate age. Educated at Eton, he became a Lord-in-Waiting when he was twenty-five. Simultaneously he served as Lord High Com-missioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; the first five years of the now dying decade found him Governor of Victoria, and for the following four he was Paymaster-General. Then he accepted the always difficult post of Lord Chamberlain. Marrying in 1886 (when he had already been in possession of the family titles for thirteen years) Hersey, daughter of the fourth Lord Venery, and becoming a father in the following year, when his son and heir, Lord Hope, was born, the Earl of Hopetoun ful-filled his course as the complete citizen, and fulfilled, too, the Disraelian ideal of a man's career, which his wife daily helps to make. As Governor-General of Australasia, Lord Hopetoun may easily forget mere politics; but in his day he was an enthusiastic admirer of the Fourth Party, led by Lord Randolph Churchill, and could make platform speeches, less random, perhaps, but hardly less racy, than those of the latter-day "Rupert of debate."



Some time ago, Lord Strathcona gave a concert, rather a large reception, at the Princes' Gallery, London, and at this function Miss Ethel Martin, daughter of Dr. Martin, of 110 Carlton street, and sister of Mrs. Norman Allen, made her debut. Miss Martin has what the "Court Circular" calls a phenomenally sweet soprano voice, and has been training it well for two years, under Maestro Edouard Darewsky. For her debut a dainty chanson, Love's Sweet Whisper, was chosen. The composer played the accompaniment, and Miss Ethel Martin scored a triumph, charming everyone most completely

Some people are saying that in a dry spell it would do as well to ask the Royal Canadian Yacht Club to announce a band concert as to have prayers offered in the churches for rain. Certainly Jupiter Pluvius has his knife into the best laid plans of the indefatigable hon. sec., and a fog, or a gale, or a downpour is always on hand for and concert night. A postponement took the rain-god mawares the second time, and the concert last month was neld with diminished attendance but great enjoyment. But I. P. doesn't get caught twice with postponements; so, on this week's Monday, having played a drizzle and caused a day's change of date, he came out with a hurricane and rain on Tuesday, and the concert was "non est" once more. There was a jolly little coterie over for dinner before the storm arose, and the handsome rug was soon turned up from the glassy floor of the "salle-a-manger," and Mr. Harry Bourlier, pretty Miss Maybee, and others played "elegant two-steps," as the summer girl from the other side calls them. After a jolly little dance, the dinner guests dispersed, and I heard a proposition, in view of the lateness of the season, to have the band concert in the after-noon some day. Perhaps the man in the Queen's Park may be good enough to intercede with the rain-god and secure a bright afternoon for the affair. The bowlers on Yacht Club lawn have had a grand season this year. and their lawn is simply perfect.

"They will not speak as they pass by," is being said of some prominent persons whose intimacy was at one time quite remarkable. It is not a social, but a business mix-up, which has rent their friendship, and one side is justly resentful of the other side's unreliability in matters of financial import, in which resentment the general opinion quite co-incides.

Mrs. Heaven has been, with her daughters, the charm ing chatelaine of the Morton's residence on Norway Hill, which she leased for the summer. This distinguished and cultured lady, who has been for some time in Washington and other Southern cities, since she occupied Atherly, is looking very well, and as if she enjoyed a short stay in Canada again. Mr. George Morang has returned from an interesting trip to the Old Country, the interest being as much general as personal, and sure to be of benefit to the literary and cultured section of Canadian society. Mr. and Mrs. Morang and their little ones are with Mrs. Heaven

Dr. and Mrs. Martin, of 110 Carlton street, are on their way back from the West Coast, where they went last May.

Mrs. Otter, mother of the brave officer now in South Africa, is living with her daughter, Mrs. Stewart, in Collier

It is only when they are discharged from hospital that some of our brave boys let us know they have been battling with the subtle and deadly fever of the South African climwith the subtle and deadly fever of the South African climate. And then, they make light of the disease and affect to think it of trivial importance. Perhaps not even our medical men who have not been in South Africa, can realize its trying course, and though we shall never see our heroes at a second Paardeberg, still there are plenty of them now suffering privations and trials which are sure to lead to an easy surrender, if the fever catches them. The cry is growing insistent that the colonials be sent home, and already mothers (athers and all the rest are making plans and presented to the second processes of the second p mothers, fathers, and all the rest are making plans and pre-parations for their return in October.

The very sad and sudden bereavement which has fallen upon Mrs. G. Allen Arthurs in the loss of her daughter, Miss Elma Arthurs, has aroused the warmest sympathy ening statesmen of a particular class, although changes of her many friends. It appears that Miss Arthurs, who was at ening statesmen of a particular class, although changes of political geography neither have exerted, nor will exert, as much influence on the development and destiny of nations as the great industrial movements that are superior to all boundary lines. There is a "yellow peril," it is true, but that peril I believe to be industrial rather than political. Some of its effects are already being keenly felt on the away, the whole sad occurence being so sudden that the notice of her death in the papers was the first information many of her friends who are at various summer resorts had loss of this much-esteemed and popular girl. Arthurs' funeral was a private one, and took place on Tues ay. Her death was caused by heart failure. To Mrs. rthurs and the deceased lady's sisters. Mrs. Victor Cawhra and Mrs. Sydney Greene, much love and sympathy is

> Mr. Langmuir, of Tyndall avenue, is suffering from a evere bout of illness, causing grave anxiety to his many

Mrs. G. Allen Case and Miss Essie Case are on their ray home from England and the Continent.

One of the successes of the summer is McConkey's palmcoom, where one may lunch in a luxury and comfort which equals that of the smartest cities. The palm-room is crowded daily, and for that matter so is the court of the Gentiles outside, where habitues still occupy their old seats.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of Tallahassee, Florida, have been pending some time in Toronto this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gibb have gone to England for wo years.

On Wednesday evening a congenial company of intimate riends spent a couple of pleasant hours at Mr. Lockie's pospitable home, in Spencer avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Gouinlock, and several others were of the party.

Five score Canadian heroes sailed on Wednesday from



LORD AVA'S GRAVE.

in the list of returning Canadians, is a brother of Mr. W. W. Vickers. He is, in fact, no relation, whatever, of this family, though the name seems identical.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Osler, of Craigleigh, and the Misses Osler, arrived home on Tuesday. The ladies have been for some months abroad, and Mr. Osler left to join them in the first week of June.

Mrs. Becher, of Sylvan Tower, has not been very strong for some time, but is now, her friends will be glad to hear,

Dr. and Mrs. Richardson, of Clover Hill, who celebrate their golden wedding on Monday next, August 20th, have as their guests Mrs. W. R. Sutherland, Mrs. Ross Sutherland, and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Richardson, who have arrived from Winnipeg to participate in the happy event. Dr. and Mrs. Richardson will be At Home to their many friends on Monday afternoon and evening from 4.30 o'clock

John Bull's Bon Voyage.

(Liverpool, August 15, 1900.) 'D 'ave you know I'm proud of you, I like the bloomin' crowd of you."
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You tackled it to suit your dad."
Says Mr. Bull.

"-'Ere's just a fi-pun note apiece, To keep the wheels in axle grease."
Says Mr. Bull. Says Mr. Buil.

"Tis but a trifle, meant to tell
You bullies that I like you well.
You stood so staunch, so brave you fell!"
Says Mr. Bull.

"A few of you is left behind, I 'ope you don't take that unkind."
Says Mr. Bull. "I lost some others, just as good, By Mauser ball and poison food— Forgive it? Yes, I thought you would!"
Says Mr. Bull.

"We tho't we 'ad the record name, Before you young colonials came."

Says Mr. Bull. "But I'll allow, when fightin's 'ot,
And men are racin' to get shot,
By old St. George! you beat the lot!"
Says Mr. Bull.

You've won my thanks, and warmed my 'eart, We'll nevermore be quite apart."
Says Mr. Bull.

"My bloomin' eyes is dim with tears.
Oh, 'ang it all! Let's give three cheers
For our Canadian volunteers!"
Says Mr. Bull.

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Woman's Longevity.



HE fact that the anticipated length of life is greater for women than for men is one which, probably, has been noticed by comparatively few people, yet it is borne out by statistics. What is the reason of this difference? Physicians do not credit the fair sex with superior vitality. We us-ually regard a woman as a being of finer susceptibilities and aggregation of nerves, and finer natures generally wear out more quickly than the rougher ones.

In short, women are the "weaker" vessels, and as such they should not last so long. Man, who leads a freer life and goes in for athletics to a far greater extent, ought to outive woman by many years, yet he succumbs sooner than

The most probable causes of woman's longevity are the regularity of her life and her innate cheerfulness. They are potent factors in existence, but they are often lost sight of by the stronger sex. Women are apt to call their lives monotonous rather than regular, but whether this be so or monotonous rather than regular, but whether this be so or not, it is this sameness which serves to lengthen the duration of their existence. More so than men, they have the same duties to perform every day. They rise at the same time, have their meals at stated intervals, superintend this or that household duty on given days, and retire to rest at about the same hour. They have their worries—their children fall ill or the servants give trouble—but these are light compared with the anxieties to which men. these are light compared with the anxieties to which men re subject.

Men, either through necessity or neglect, do not mainout of the groove, and as it is upon them that falls the responsibility of keeping house together by providing the necessary financial resources, they are subjected to business and troubles of which their contract house together by providing the necessary financial resources, they are subjected to business worries and troubles of which their partners know little or

The tranquility of the fair sex when in trouble or pain s well known to doctors and others who have the oppor-unity of careful observation. In ordinary circumstances when trouble besets a man he feels that he wants to kick Five score Canadian heroes sailed on Wednesday from Englad for their homes in the Dominion of Canada. They were given a hearty send-off at Liverpool, and the Mayor of the great shipping city paid them very hearty compliments. I was asked to-day if young Vickers, whose name is one of those



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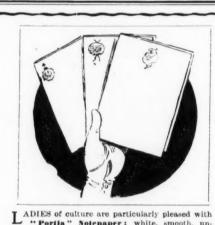
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Social and Personal.

Mrs. and Miss Charlo McLeod of 510 Jarvis street are spending a fortnight with their cousin, Mrs. McLellan, who is a cottager at Crystal Beach, Buffalo's summer resort.

Mr. George Beardmore returned from England last week, During his absence many improvements have been going forward at his beautiful home in Bev-erley street, and the "quid nuncs" are again busying themselves in asking if these portend anything more than usual. Miss Helen Beardmore and Miss Louie Janes have spent a most healthful and happy summer at their country cottage, near Scarboro' and are most satisfied with their ex-

Miss Quinlan and her young niece, Miss Gladys Dixon, were in town or Tuesday. They have gone up to North-cote, Mr. S. H. Janes' summer home, near Woodstock.

The Toronto Hunt Club races are the next big event in which society inter-ests itself hereabouts, and from all in-dications, they will be very well worth while attending.

Mr. Herbert Hulme came east from the Yukon (where he has written success upon his door-post), some three weeks since, and on Monday last invitations were out for his marriage to Miss Carrie Jones, the very sweet and pretty eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse T. Jones, who are spending the summer with their family at Monterey cottage, Clandeboyne avenue, Centre Island. The marriage will be unique, in that it will be an Island wedding, and will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, on Tuesday afternoon, August 12th, at 3

Mrs. Jean Blewett is holidaying in Muskoka. Mrs. A. Cecil Gibson is at Cape Elizabeth. Miss Helen Macdonald of North street is also spending August at the seaside.

Mademoiselle Trebelli spent a short time Toronto on her way from the West Coast to Europe via New York. The gracious and clever songstress has found great enthusiasm and cul-ture in our far Northwest, and shares the surprise of many who do not realize that some of its most inaccessible parts are peopled by England's young blood of the very bluest, who have forgotten more about music than many of the front row critics of Toronto ever knew.

A feature of summer travel which is particularly noticeable this month the jolly parties of Dutch excursionists who make a stopover here on the way to Muskoka. The Penn-sylvania Dutchmen are so jolly, so stout and so boyish in their anticipa-tions and reminiscences of Muskoka "ohne hast"—which may be freely translated "take it easy"—that their enthusiasm spreads, and people go home to study maps and connections for the Canadian playground with interest. And the vrows and the merry maidens, who often are of these Dutch parties en passant are as full of fun and happiness as their men-folk.

Mr. Cecil Mackenzie's friends will be interested in hearing that he has been appointed secretary to Colonel Biggar at Cape Town, South Africa. He was a first contingent man.

Mr. Alderman John Downey and Miss Downey of iPttsburg, Penn., were in town on Monday en route from the Falls to Hamilton.

Captain Phelps and his coaching party have made their tour so far in the greatest comfort and pleasure.

Miss Mamie Christie is spending the holidays with Miss Helen Morrison of Owen Sound. Mr. Kirkwood Christic has returned from a charming visit to Mr. Douglas' splendid place in Muskoka. On the holiday, I am tolú, this hospitable host entertained over thirty guests in a very delightful manner.

Sir Richard Cartwright was in town or Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Faulds have gone to Quebec. Miss Noxon of Palmerston avenue has also to Quebec. Her brother, Mr. gone to Quebec. Her brother, Standen Noxon, now of Detroit ome on a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Will Hees of Detroit have been visiting relatives in Toronto.

Mr. Lionel F. Godson has gone to Lake Simcoe, where his family have spent the summer. Mrs. and Miss Northwood of Windsor are visiting friends in town. Mr. E. Monck leaves to-day for a fortnight's vacation in the West.

Mr. W. Claude Fox has been up at Milford Bay on a short visit. Mrs. Fox has spent the summer in that pleasant resort.

Mr. J. Kerr Osborne is home from the West Coast. Mr. and Mrs. Os-borne made a trip out some time ago, stopping at Banff and other pleasant

A correspondent writes from Niagara as follows: "Society will be greatly interested in the international tennis championships at Niagara next week. For the first time in two years there will be a large number of lady players. There will be four from Chicago, also Miss Julia Welmer, of Washington: Mrs. Whitehad and Miss Wilkes, of Brantford; Mrs. Burgess, of Bradford; and Miss Summerhayes, of To-ronto, and others from across the fine. There is also a good pessibility of the English tennnis cracks, Messrs. A. W. Gore and E. D. Black, who are present representing England at

Newport .remaining over for the international events at Niagara, Among the festivities planned for the week concert and dance on Wednesday evening, a cake walk on Thurs-day evening, and the ournament ball on Saturday evening."

Mrs. George Husband, of 116 Jameson avenue, has returned from Mus-koka, where she has been chaperoning a merry party.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel May and Miss May have returnaed from Europe. Mr. J. Trancle Armand has returned from Paris, full of enthusiasm and admiration for the Exposition in his native

Mrs. Arthur Ross returned from Port Hope this week, and will spend some time with Mrs. Patterson, of

The Island Aquatic Association hold their summer tourney this afternoon at Long Pond, Center Island. The energetic committee are working hard for success, and, the weather being favorable, they are sure to secure it.

Mr. Alan Sullivan, who has been spending ten days with his Toronto friends, returned to Rat Portage last week. I am told a most charming home in an ideal situation is being planned and built for the residence of this clever young man and his bride-to-be, Miss Hees. It gives one some idea of the progressiveness of Rat Portage to learn that the light fix-tures are all electric, as that is the ordinary means of illumination up there. One lights the gas in Toronto with a chastened spirit when such **pro**gressiveness in the far north is spoken

Some very opportune and useful lit-tle fancies are the travelling inkbottles the Julian Sale Company have in their window this week. Tiny little white kid helmets, with kharki puggarees of chamols leather and rough-rider hats, in soft shades of fawn and grey, disclose the safety ink-bottle in their crowns; a useful and popular souve-nir of the war are these neat little in-

On a recent evening Professor Gold-win Smith had the misfortune to slip and break his wrist. He is, happily, doing well, and bearing his annoying and painful mishap with the philo-sophic patience acquired by long selfdiscipline and extra-good sense. Yacht Club diners were heard enquir-ing for him on Tuesday evening, and expressing sorrow at his accident.

On Tuesday evening several pleas-ant litle dinners were given at the Yacht Club. Mr. Herbert Hulme. Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Rolph and one or two other guests formed one of these, the bride-elect, very sweet and pretty In a light muslin and summer hat. Captain Peuchen had a cosy little family quartette party. Mr. Ricarde-Seaver had Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and Miss Hudson, Mrs., Miss M. and Mr. Otter Stewart and one or two others at a very pretty round table, done in pink and green, with roses, sweet peas and ferns.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Husband have been camping for a few days last week at Owen Sound.

Miss Natalie Whittaker is spending her vacation at Catskill Mountains with her sister, Miss C. Whitehouse of Staten Island, New York.

From time to time one is saddened or startled by a death or a peril remer resorts. Drowning casualties are, of course, the most numerous, and this year there have been a number of very sad contretemps of this reserr t.on. Campers, summer hotel board-ers and cottagers are not warned by such deplorable catastrophes to be on their guard, and they still go swin: ming alone, start on yachting and sailing parties without expert sailors on board, and fail to consult the weather report before venturing on an afternoon afloat wish timid or confident women folk. But some so unexpected a peril faces the summer tourist that all the forethought in the world would be of no avail to avert it. Such was the experience of a party of society people at Tadourac when in descending a steep hill in the hotel 'bus the horses took fright, the pole was smashed, the harness gave way, and the terrified animals careered off, leaving the heavy omnibus crowded with passengers to bump and blunder down the hillside as best it could. The bridge at the foot, the water two score feet below, and the bus going "on its own" made a sufficiently awful toutensemble of sudden peril, but marvellously enough, the bus collided with a post, and after a good jarring the paralyzed passengers were safely hauled out, from a debris of smashed wheels and other ruins One of Toronto's most charming girls, whose bridal fineries are now ourse of construction, and who is beloved by all who know her, was one of the party which had this alarming slide down hill. A small boy was resued in a breathless state from pile of voyagers, but he never stopped chewing Tutti Frutti, and his only comment was, "I couldn't breathe." It is hard to rattle a Canadian small

An informal, but very pleasant, pro gressive pedro was given Monday evening by the guests of the Bonter House, "Twelve O'clock Point," to the campers and cottagers. Among those present were: Mr. and Miss Newbury of Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Trenton, Mrs. Sydnev Lee of Toronto, Mrs. C. M. Stork of Belleville, Mrs. W. H. Burr of Toronto, Miss Louisa Tillie, Mrs. Butler of Brighten, Mrs. Vroeman of Napanee, Miss Stella Pelletier, Miss Claire Cumming of Trenton, Miss Rips Sills of Belleville, Miss Bee Gillum of Belleville, Miss Murphy of Trenton, Mr.



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on the list. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bonter, who are the perfection of a host and hostess, did everything to

make the evening a success. The large

dining hall was cleared for the play-ers. After the game light refresh-ments were served, amidst much fun and laughter, which made a jolly end-

Dr. Price Brown is spending a three-weeks' holiday among the Muskoka

Mrs. Vogt, of Bloor street, leaves to-

day for New York to spend a short vacation and to await Mr. Vogt's ar-

rival from Germany the latter part of

Mrs. Calvert, of Glen Villa, Deer Park, has just returned after a year's visit to the Old Country. Her daughter. Miss Gertrude Calvert, who is staying with relatives in London, will not return for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smallpeice

Miss Ellis, Miss Stanbury and Miss

Verna Smith are the guests of Miss Karn, "Woodbine," Woodstock. On Friday evening a most enjoyable lawn

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel have re-

turned from Long Branch, and are settled at No. 48 Empress crescent. South Parkdale. Mrs. Daniel will be At Home, as usual, every first and third Thursday after August

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Being the Autobiography of a Solitaire.

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WAS born, so I heard a Harvard | Kimberley." sophomore say one moonlit evening, aeons ago; but, like a woman, a diamond is just as young as it looks. Moreover, I feel more youthful to-day than

ever before and I know I am a good deal brighter-a fact that's due, I don't mind telling you, more to my present pretty possessor than to myself. However, as biographers my present pietry
myself. However, as biographers
turn the phrase, I first saw the light
on the day the twentieth century
rolled into Kimberley on a shell from

a howitzer.
You see, I had lived, or rather existed, up to that time in the strictest seclusion; my residence was on a very quiet avenue away down in the De Beers Mine. You had to climb up to my little street over some very prime-val rocks and then crawl into it as if it were the neck of a very large bottle
of champagne—a commodity I have since learned that we diamonds as a class are associated with in the popular mind. So it happened that a ray from a perfecto instead of a sunbeam greeted my advent into this somewhat noisy and naughty world, where it seems I was destined to a delightful career and to be as much sought after

as any beautiful debutante.

The first words I ever heard on this earth-I should say in this earth-were from the lips of the adventurous son of that Devonshire clergyman as he blew a fragrant puff of smoke ourling into the darkness. Speaking of Colonel Kekewich who commanded the forces in the besieged town, Cecil

"If Oom Paul's to get that two million pounds they ought to work for it,

you know.' A distinct detonation seemed to indicate that long Tom thought so too, and was doing his best. I could just faintly hear the bursting of the shell from the howitzer and its ugly echo rumbling through the mine.

Without regarding this as an interruption, the Diamond King contin-

Well Colonel, I don't think his burghers will ever find me here."
"Nor I, old chap." answered Kekewich. "If they do they'll have to use a corkscrew to get you out, that's

Then the millionaire's coat sleeve brushed against some dirt on my face, his hand touched me—and he pulled me out. And there shone on me the

dull light of Cecil Rhodes' cigar, a fragrant weed from old Havana.
"By jove!" he exclaimed. "Look at

There's a smart diamond for "Thanks," laughed the genial Keke-

without fosing the chance to take him literally. Rhodes was always thoroughbred,

so he handed me to the soldier.
"You remember old de Beauregard in Paris?" inquired the British commander. "On the Boulevard Saint

main?" asked the Empire Builder. "Especially that night Kitchener

played chess with de eBauregard?"
"My belt was too tight." "After dinner, Colonel-not until af-

'And you, Rhodes, where were you! "Do you remember the drawing room in green and gold?

'Well, rather!" Kekewich exclaimed

"Why it was Grant. There's noth-ing strange about that."

mean her Christian name."

'Yes of course!" agreed Colonel

You know I have always wondered Food Coffee, and my trouble was over

"Same name-Miss Grant."

gard a letter a month ago."

"Wonder if it went to Paris or to Pretoria?" reflected Rhodes.

"Lord hypers with a delightful flavor.

"Dr. McMiller."

"Dr. McMiller."

'Lord knows," replied Kekewich. "How did you send it?"

By Captain Norton.

me a case. "Alan's a bright fellow; always has his pockets full of bright sovereigns and his brain full of bright healthfu devices. I'll wager he got past the

I thought Captain Norton must be another case.
"Hope so," answered the officer.
"He's a Canadian and I'd hate to

record his name on our casualty list.' "He's a jolly good sort. But the letter to de Beauregard?" "In it," said Kekewich, " I prom-

ised to send him a souvenir of this siege. Rhodes, I've got a brilliant idea-this diamond. That's a sur on the stone Colonel.

You saw where it came from. course I did. And I'll send in to him by the next native runner who tries to get through the Boer lines." 'Capital!" chimed in Rhodes. "and send his niece a message." "By cable?"

"Good! Why not? Best wishes from

That night I left Kimberley. I was wrapped with careless precision in a newspaper, and expected after a few days trekking across the velt to be malled to France from Cape Town. But just at the foot of a steep kopje, the Basuto who had me and a cablegram in his knapsack was shot by an outpost—a soldier of fortune who by his uniform was a Cossack. The cable message was read and burned. Then I was quickly discovered. And there shone on me the stealthy light of the sentinel's lantern-a cunning contrivance made in Germany. In my vivid and young imagination, I immediately began to picture myself in St. Peters burg gleaming in the splendid diadem

of the great white Czar of all Russia Before morning had come, I realized the truth of the old maxim about the best laid plans of mice and men. The Muscovite member of the Foreign Legion, who turned out to be a refugee from Siberia, took me to Colonel Villebois de Mareuil. They had an argument which I couldn't hear. They night as well have sent me off pe ully, for neither of them has derived his share from my sale; the sentinel is in St. Helena, and I don't know where Villebois is. The bullet bearing the summons from Methuen may be able to tell.

However, in five days I was in President Kruger's house—though he never bothered to look at me. The wily old man was too busy arranging some business with Webster Davis. have always been prejudiced against whiskers, because I regard their wearers as proverbially mean. But I must admit that in this case my theory was proved untenable; the chief exec-utive was very liberal. In twentyfour hours more I left Lorenzo

Marquez in a neat parcel addressed to Dr. Leyds at Vienna, The journey was uneventful, but the very evening I arrived in that pic-turesque capital I overheard the European representative of the Transvaal say to his private secretary just

as he oepned me out: "Wire Kruger by the Steyn cipher-that a Captain Alan Norton who escaped from Kimberley is now in New York buying horses for the British cavalry. He has just placed a con-

tract for ten thousand."
"Yes, sir." "If anyone calls me this evening say I've gone to Amsterdam."

Yes, sir," said the man of shorthand. "But," continued the representative, "If any English or American newspaper correspondents call, open a bot-tle of Ruinart and say I've gone to the Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs.'

"Very good, sir?" 'That's where I'm going. Add that to the wire to Pretoria.
"Is that all, sir?"

'Yes-that's all." Then the doctor put me in his pocket and took a brougham for a house in the Josefs Platz. I anticipated a treat listening to the two discuss momentous secrets of state. The gentleman from South Africa was received most

A Pungent Food Drink With the Taste of Coffce.

"Perhaps no one has suffered more "And Monsieur de Beauregard's from the use of coffee or failed oftener niece from America—with the strange in the attempt to leave it off, than I Although I never drank more than half a cup at a time, it even then gave me sour stomach and a whole catalogue of misery. This kept up for a long period and time and again 'Oh yes!"
"Those perfect features and the I have resolved that I positively would drink no more coffee, but, alas, the rest of the family used it, and, like the Kekewich intensely amused at the abstraction and enthusiasm of this man who is so generally supposed to

"Finally we came to try Postum If she was the original of Professor at once. There I had my favorite bev-Herkomer's portrait of 'The Lady in erage-a crisp, dark brown, rich cofwith a fine pungent coffee taste, and yet with no sour stomach or ner-"They do have beautiful women in vous troubles after it. On the con-lew York, don't they?" continued trary. I have gained gradually in New York, don't they?" continued trary, I have gained gradually in Rhodes, "And not all the uniform strength and sturdy health. All who have spoken to me about Postum
'Not a bit of it," acknowledged his agree, and we have found it so, that companion turning me over in his the directions for making must be folhand. Stunning taste and all that, lowed, and it must be boiled at least But quite apart from the tailor, deuc-iffteen minutes or more, and it also reedly fine figures, well groomed, spir-ited, full blooded, high steppers, fed on—Damme! Are we talking of wo-when in a special hurry, but found

"Dr. McMillan, of Sunbeam, Ill., said he had used Postum and found it to be just as good as coffee, and He is an M. D. of more healthful. "Well," said Rhodes who seemed to a case, "Alan's a bright fellow; al-Postum. They find it much more healthful. Rev. W. T. Campbell. healthful. Rev. W. T. Campbell, pastor of the Second United Presby-terian Church of this city, says: 'You may say anything good that you wish about Postum Food Coffee and I will substantiate it.' He was a very great lover of coffee, and yet found it very injurious to his health. He now drinks Postum three times a day, and the old troubles have disappeared.

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cordially by the Great Austrian-a personage whom I found not only in-teresting but fascinating. He had long hair, very long—and he had such fine shoulders that minister, so soft and round and dimpted. Cold as 1 usually am, I could not help the reusually am, I could not help the re-flection that magnetism is much a matter of curves. And there shone on me the dim tinted light of the purple apartment—furnished by a brother of the Caliph from Constantinople. I ondered what my fate would be-if was to be given to this Minister of Foreign Affairs? All that night I was

II. A few days afterward I left Vienna in the portmanteau of the representa-tive for Paris. We arrived at night and drove for some reason through the Bois and the Boulevard Saint Germain: but I could get no opportunity for even a passing glimpse at the house of the expectant de Beauregard, to whom I was sent by Colonel Kekewich. The next morning early I left Dieppe for New Haven en route for the English metropolis and, incredible as it may seem, carried by the same undiplomatic diplomat. It was evening upon our arrival in London, and we went bag and luggage in a hansome right through Downing street and across Trafalgar square to a house near-by—I do not

care to divulge the exact location. But as the daring doctor opened the bag for a moment, there shone on me the flickering light of the iron lillies of the Strand-discovered by Richard Le Gallienne. My custodian, fearing some acquaintances in Scotland Yard, never went out by day or by night and his only visitor for a fortnight or more were a few radical and peace politicians ,who argued a good deal about figures. Being in a remote corner of

the adjoining room, I could hear but

little except a constant clink.

At length, however, I was despatched by registered mail to a city whose name caused me to beam as soon as I heard it mentioned while it was scratched by a stub pen on my wrapper, for it was Washington. By the time I reached that magnificent city of circles and distances the government official to whom I was consigned had resigned his position to enter upon a lecture tour, according to the clever arrangements I heard of

in Pretoria. This gentleman from Missouri had always been a star as a sympathy arouser, beginning with the night he tried theatrically to gain a mayoralty election in his native by shooting a hole through his own

Taking me to New York the farsighted financier disposed of me there to a wholesale diamond merchant. The following week I was displayed in a very resplendent shop on Union Square, which I soon discovered to be Tiffany's. If I were at all inclined to the sin of vanity my experience would certainly have accentuated that ten-dency, for the admiration I received was enough to turn the head of any innocent young jewel. I would blush to confess the flatteries I was weak nough to listen to.

One day a handsome swarthy Egyp tian prince, visiting the Turkish Legation, looked long at me. His name I found out was Mustapha Pasha. Again I pictured for myself a royal destiny, sparkling beside a white lotus flower on the bosom of some modern Cleopatra in a palace on the banks of

the Nile. Then came a woman who looked like La Pompadour, as I magined that very earthly divinity to have been—during her glowing days, or rather nights from a miniature near me in the show case—only this woman lacked the characteristic patch, but she was more powdered and rouged than the capri-cious vixen, who through the heart of the king always kept her finger tip upon the sceptre of Louis XV. The beauty was dressed in scarlet from head to foot, and I considered the tint quite appropriate, for she certain-ly appeared to be a demimondaine. Yet there was something about her that made me think that perhaps she was not so red as she was gowned. She was accompanied by a Japanese spaniel and an old man who spoke with a Wall street accent. Very fittingly, no doubt, he called her Caprice.
And the clerk who seemed to know them both, addressed him as Senato Lary. When they asked my price, she said in a suggestive way that her Kaffirs had fallen down. I thought this was something unmentionable at first, but soon learned that it was simply a hint he didn't take. Then Caprice looked at me disdainfully through her lorgnette, as if diamonds of pure thought. I would have been willing to wager that I could surmise orrectly what hotel in Broadway she ived at, and perhaps following up the clue of her pet name, under the alias of Miss C. A. Price. But the lady or broker did not touch me which I was very thankful-and when they walked away I fairly scintillated

with joy. That same afternoon about three o'clock a young man came in and after he had looked at a number of solltaires. I caught his eye He took me up and turned me around. Then he looked at his watch as if moments were worth millions to him. This is how I discovered the hour-and also something else. But I don't think it was a wish for any knowledge of that kind on his part that caused him to gaze so intently at his time piece and then at me—for in the cover there was a picture of a girl. I stole several a creature. Luxuriant dark hair framing her face set off her large brown eyes in whose liquid depths vivacity and langour mingled, and the sheen of her hair heightened the sweet crim son of her pretty lips. She had ears almost transparently delicate, and tapering brows arched like those a limner's dream. Her nose woo have graced a statue in ancient Athens and her coloring was exquisite—it was her glory. From the portion of

ionably. Then it suddenly dawned upon me that she was of Cecil Rhodes had said to Colonel ing that in the long run a diamond always finds its way to a woman, 1 confess I wished intensely to pass to her, and prayed it might be soon. I scarcely had time for these observa-tions and this desire, than the young man closed his watch and after having me weighed, inquired my price set according to his ideas—which I hoped for her sake were hers. On being told the sum, which I regard as a secret, he immediately paid for me in English sovereigns. This was point for a carbon Sherlock Holmes Then he glanced hastily over a half dozen cases and selected one lined with green silk.

"Shall we send it?" asked the clerk.
"Yes," answered the young man. "The name?" said the clerk, penci

The young man handed him a card engraved upon which I saw: "Mr. Alan Norton." The sight of these words, and the quids, at once led me conclude that was was probably the captain who escaped from Kim-

"And the address?" asked the clerk.
"Hoffman House," answered Mr.

So much curiosity had I developed that one would almost suspect me having spent most of my life in the

company of women. Two days more passed quickly and was delivered at the hotel of my purchaser. Dinner had just been nounced in his suite, but he took me to his own room and carefully locked the door. Then, opening out the box I was in, he placed me, with smiles and misglyings in front of a large photograph on his dresser—as if I were a candle, and she were a saint, for the photograph was a pose in figure of the girl in the watch. Lying there, looking up at her and sparkling in the light of her kindly eyes, I knew as I saw his earnest face, that with adoration and devotion Alan

worshipped her instead of God-and I did not blame him.

did not blame him.

A knock sounded on the door.

"Yes," said he.

"Dinner is served." came with an accent from outside, and with an intonation which indicated that its ownshees the plaining page of Income. er bore the plebian name of Jones or

Watkins So Mr. Norton put me to nestle in the green silk case as he dropped me into his breast pocket, and I heard him say, half aloud:

"No human eye shall ever see you till you are given to —" But I couldn't catch her name. So was still in suspense. After dinner that evening he called

on his inamorata. "Is Miss Grant at home?" I heard him say to the servant who answered the bell.

The mention of this name gave me a start. I was on the tiptoe of expectation—waiting eagerly to hear her Christian name and wondering if it was one that would be called strange. The start raised me up a little in Mr. Norton's pocket. I was disappointed at having no chance to see her im-mediately: but I could hear her voice -it had a promise of a caress in every note. If I only had a soul that voice would have melted in softly and stolen it away. Every glance and action of Alan's showed clearly that she was of Alan's snowed clearly that she was his idol. Once when she was sitting at the plano singing one of Marie Tempest's solos from the libretto of "A Greek Slave." which she thanked him for having sent her, he came very near telling her that he loved her, but she, feeling with a woman's intuition that this confession was coming, sud-denly and apparently with malice afore-thought began to play a march in rag time. Ever since I have failed to appreciate syncopation. Of course, that perversion of music rendered the very idea ridiculous; so, in what I thought a vain endeavor to cover up from Chicago said it was not at all his real feelings, Norton began to laugh and joke—and I rather surmise that this caused Miss Grant to suspect both the depth and sincerity of his love. As they said good-night, he arranged to go with her to the theatre the following Wednesday evening to see a play called "Near The Throne," founded upon a novel of the same name, whose coptic heroine I heard him tell her she closely resembled in

more ways than one.
"Good-night," she said to him the third time.

'Good-night, Miss Grant," he an swered and left-with me in his pock-

not have to use that surname, but it led me away back again to my birth day in the De Beers mine. I have always disliked persons who draw hasty conclusions; therefore I resolved to wait patiently to find out the Christian name of Miss Circumstances. I called her this because she altered cases. III.

Upon returning, Alan wrapped me up in three folds of green tissue pa-per, sealed that with wax, and put me tenderly under his pillow. All next day he carried me right next to the organic cause of much of the trouble in this world.

In the evening when Mr. Norton was dressing for the theatre, after putting me in his waistcoat pocket— so as to be easily got at, I suppose— and was adding the usual retouches to his white bat-wing, a nte came for him. I never saw that note. But Alan threw the crested blue paper and me to one side—and he didn't go out that night. With his chin in his hands and his elbows on his knees he sat forgetful of the hours, staring into the grate—as if the embers there might heliograph some message from her to the relief of his heart.

Next evening he went to a dinner

given at the residence of the British Consul in celebration of the capture of Kruger and in honor of Lord Robher bust which appeared, I surmised that her figure must be lithe and svelte and that she dressed most fash-drawing room than I heard her voiceerts-and I went with him, minus the

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Miss Grant's I mean. Talking with her Mustapha Pasha. Not far away sat Miss Price, shadowed by the same Senator. It developed that she was his niece and an heiress from Chicago. I was glad to formulate a revised version of my harsh opinion the young lady, and, speaking of unnecessary noises, to be convinced that her gowns were really the only horrid thing about Caprice-except that her father dealt in horses, both living and

dead. Alan seemed surprised at seeing 'Miss Grant, and more surprised half an hour later when he found he had the good luck to be seated next her. Once he touched her hand; it was half accident and half design-the action was accident, the delay designed-but she quickly drew it away. As the ices being served the conversation turned, rather appropriately to ourse, I thought, from liberty in the

abstract to marriage in the United States. "Men are all the same," said Miss

Price oracularly. "Only their methods differ," agreed Captain Norton.
"You mean." said Senator Lary.

looking at his niece from Chicago, that their object is the same—a "And to gain that object," laughed

Miss Grant, "a man tries to make her think what she wants to think; that he is the only being on earth.
"You mean," chimed in the heiress,

"that he tries to make her think what she wants to think; that she is the only being on earth." I concluded that Miss Grant and the girl from Chicago were in a cer-

tain well known diplomatic state— and I wondered why. Where these two were connected it was quite certain that among the components of the energy which a certain law in physics declares is never lost in this world, affection might be numbered. One of the speeches after dinner was a toast proposed by the Censul: "To the fighters who are not on the firing line."

This was responded to by Captain

Norton, who ended by saying:
"We're sorry this war was forced
upon us, because we love to be at peace with all mankind. But we've fixed bayonets and shouldered our rifles-and there's no turning back. By the aid of those twenty thousand good cavalry horses from America good cavalry we have marched to Pretoria. And, notwithstanding a subsidized lecturer and a trinity of comic opera envoys, we believe that Bobs and Tommy are stre to win-for by the grace of God and the heavy artillery, England sees this through!"

The speaker had no sooner finished than a telegram came for the Consul, who read it and handed the yellov to Norton, Alan at paper changed countenance a greatly depressed. I saw and looked cause was dated at Washington and

signed Pauncefoote.

Miss Grant found it necessary depart a little earlier than the rest of the company- suspected she wanted to. And Mr. Norton was asked by their hostess to take her home—I suspected he wanted to. The heiress late, and Miss Grant urged the Captain not to come; but candidly, I be lieve she would have been greatly disappointed if he had not.

When they reached her house, which overlooked the Hudson, she asked him in for a few minutes. They went into the drawing room where only one lamp was burning. "Cheer up," said Miss Grant press-

ing the button that set a whole chandelier ablaze. "Whatever is that?"

"That green thing nearly slipping

out of your waistcoat pocket? mere trifle," Alan said and peremptorily shoved me down. I had been gradually working my ay up. I had the same complaint

that killed Caesar. "Your fit of the blues came on very suddenly, Mr. Norton." "Yes," replied he, "that wine did

"Bad news?"

"Read it," and he handed her the telegram. Noticing the date and signature first, she read the message aloud: "Roberts wires: Captain Alan Norton sails Saturday for Gibraltar. Gets

sealed orders there and ships for Beira. "This is Thursday," he said when

she had finished and handed back the despatch. "You have plenty of time to get ready," she answered: "To do your

packing and make your calls and all "Oh yes!" he agreed. "Lots of

time.

"Don't you want to go?"

"Of course," he answered. But I confess that I didn't wish to return to South Africa. I had heard too many of those symphonies in saltpetre and seen too much of the beast-

y Boers.

"Wouldn't you like to ride one of hose fine American prancers?" "I've been using all the influence ossible," he continued, " to get to

the front, but ---" 'Just like a man, though; want a thing until you get it, and then -

"Oh, it's not that."
"No?"

"Don't you understand?" "I think it's very rude; the infer-ence in your question. I've never before been accused of being mentally dull."

"But -"In fact you yourself have often said that for intellect ——"

"What I mean is that every moment will take me further away from you." "Then you ought to be very thankful to those moments. They're very nsiderate—of me."
"What I wish to —

"Well, there's all to-morrow left,-and, if you are very good, I'll let you come up in the afternoon.

"It will be so long before I can see you again. "You don't want to come up in the

morning do you? "An hour or two with you will pass so quickly."
"Don't talk like a goose. But I for-

get; then you'd have to not talk at all." 'I dare say.' "No, I didn't mean that—I didn't mean it. But still you may find ——"

"Do not joke now. I'm in earnest," he urged. "Nazira, I love you."

My last doubt had gone—she must indeed be the niece of the Parisian those two spoke of that morning in

Kimberley. The name proved it to me. Alan put his arm around Nazira's slender waist. This movement caused me to slip out of his pocket and to fall almost to the floor—but I caught

in a flounce on her skirt. "I hear father coming," she said re-

moving his arm, "and you know "He doesn't like me." "So you must go now, or I can't let

you come up to-morrow."
"But tell me, Nazira," he urged,
"do you love me—just a little? I so love you—with all my being."
"His door has opened—that's his "ootstep," cautioned the girl.

"Ah, tell me if —"
"Goodnight. Come and see me tomorrow—Alan?" As he took her in his arms she turned her face away and he kissed

her on the neck. "Nazira," commanded a stern voice,

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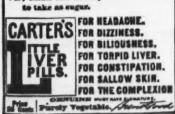
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"go to your room at once." 'Yes father," she answered and

obeyed.

We diamonds have opportunities for Intimate observations, both physical and psychological—and could, if we would, tell many secrets with all re-spect to the philosophers from Dio-cenes to Kant I say that I didn't need senes to Kant I say that I didn't need a lantern to discover that self-admiration is the first law of feminine nature, and it's quite right too; for often love hinges upon the cut of a garment, just as marriage depends upon the price of corn. Upon reaching the sacred chamber designated by her father, which seemed redolent with her own sweet self. Nazira went instinctively to the mirror. This led her to two surprises: A letter with numerous post marks upon it—and poor little me.

tle me.

I came in for first attention. We seem to exercise the same magnetism over a woman that curves do over a man. Picking me gently off her dress Nazira said to herself:

"Why this is that funny green thing the allowed out of Alan's necket af-

it's slipped out of Alan's pocket after all. I wonder what it is?"

As she was smoothing the paper out she accidentally read her own name on it and concluded there could be no harm in peeking in to see what it com-

tained.

"A ring—a solitaire diamond!" she exclaimed, and put me on the dresser.

Nazira seemed to forget the letter for a few minutes, and prepared to retire. As she disrobed I could not help seeing—even if I had wanted to—that in all her dainty lingerie there was a color scheme, pale ribbons running through the laces as en the sea the dawning light runs through the waves; this evening it was green. Turning down the coverlets and enveloping her pretty form in a gown of white silk, Miss Grant noticed the letter again. She opened it and read the pages through twice. I managed to see that the missive was dated London and signed Cecil Rhodes. She looked down at me and stood thinking a little while—and slowly tore up the letter. I was glad, for Alan's hope was my hope. But I longed to know if I was really to belong to her.

"Actually bought the ring!" she said aloud looking at me. "Such presumption—just like a man! I wouldn't marry him if he had a million."

Impulsively she did something with me, and that moment I thought of Alan; it was divine to be so close to her heart and to live in the sweet glances of her alluring eyes. Then Nazira kissed me—and turned out the light—and crept into bed."—From "Smart Set." 'A ring-a solitaire diamond!" she

The New Arrival.

There came to port last Sunday night

The queerest little craft, Without an inch of rigging on; I looked, and looked, and laughed! It seemed so curious that she Should cross the unknown water

And moor herself right in my room
My daughter! Oh, my daughter! Yet by these presents witness all. She's welcome fifty times, And comes consigned to Hope and Love

And common-metre rhymes.

She has no manifest but this,
No flag floats o'er the water;
She's too new for the British Lloyds—
My daughter! Oh, my daughter!

Ring out, wild bells, and tame ones, too, Ring out the lover's moon, Ring in the little worsted socks, Ring in the bib and spoon. Ring out the muse, ring in the nurse, Ring in the milk and water; Away with paper, pen and ink! My daughter! Oh. my daughter!

The Contralto Singer.

-GEORGE W. CABLE.

By W. PETT RIDGE.

HE contralto singer 1s, 1 believe, a perfectly well-in-tentioned young woman, and it is credible that in private life she may be the life and soul of the home; with ever a merry jest upon her lips, and perhaps a taste for diverting tical jokes. My complaint against the contralto singer is in regard only to her public attitude, and here I am bound to say that she is a kill-joy, a wet blanket. a Cassandra, a rememerer of gloomy incidents, a Mrs. Gummidge. I want the contralto to change her pessimistic views of life. I want her to glance occasionally at the brighter side of life. I want her to cheer up.

The contralto is, it seems to me, ever anticipating the worst. Her lover goes anticipating the worst. Her lover good away on a voyage, and any reason-ably minded lady, with a moderately cheerful heart and a knowledge of the law of averages, would assume that his return was certain, and would look forward with optimism to seeing him again. Not so the contracto!

again. Not so the contraito!

My lover lad he has salled to-day.
The ship is taking him far away.
Ah, me in our hearts 'tis not always

May

Tis grey November!
Our eyes will ne'er look in each other
again.
Our hearts are sore sickened as tho' with
Our lips—

Now why should the contralto assume thus hastily that all is for the worst in the worst of possible worlds? A soprano's lover usually comes back ("With his heart full of love for me," she sings coyly), and there are, I am sure, no special sea risk premiums at Lloyd's for the finances of contralto

When the contralto has some real grievance to communicate to the world, nothing can exceed her morbid delight in making the most of it. once heard her complain in a deep voice, and with something of acriof a rose given to her in apparently a fresh and newly plucked condition and placed away: to the contraito's great annoyance she found upon going to it a few years later that it had faded. In this connection I remember that the contraits took oc-I remember that the contraits took occasion to make some caustic parallel between the behavior of the rose and Creek, Mich.

The Chilly One—It i n't very warm this morning, dear, is it?
The Absent-Minded One—No, dear; I can't understand why the men haven't come out. man's affection; I make no claim to

tralto singer is great in mementoes. A glove, a dance programme, a baby's shoe, a pair of spectacles, any old thing is sufficient to excite lachrymose

thoughts. Ah, me! how mem'ry brings the scene anew,
Though years have past, long years of grief and sorrow.

I am not sure about it, and perhaps

I ought therefore not to say it, but, really, one cannot evade the suspicion that the contralto goes to lost prop-erty sales and buys up her relics in a imble lot, cheap.

The contralto enjoys herself most

when she is singing to a popular nudi-ence in the minor suburbs. There she can make tears flow, cause handker-chiefs to proclaim themselves, extort the sympathetic groan, and she, at least, is happy. At Bermondsey Town least, is happy. At Bermondsey Town Hall one evening a contraito aimed at song at the audience, conveying information that any soprano would, I feel sure, have kept to herself. She had offered her love to one who had scorned it, and she was now alone, alone, she had trusted a friend who had proved unworthy, and she was alone, alone, alone, she had lost her illusions in regard to happiness in this world, and she was alone alone, alone. Some of the women in the alone. Some of the women in the audience shook their heads and wept.

"Bad jcb about her," a young gul said, flippantly, when she had finished.

"Ah!" sighed one of the matrons,
patting her eyes, "it's a world of
trouble. I of en wonder what we was

born for." 'She reminds me of my cousin Liza," said one of the others. "There's a wo-man that's had a run of ill-luck, if

anybody has. Missed her usual bus the other morning; of course, there was an accident to it, and all the passengers got compensated. As Idza says, it does seem that somehow she can't do right."

Indeed, the contrakto ever directs the trend of the public mind to sadness, and it usually takes two paritones and a humorous man at the planoforte to restore a popular audience to dry eyes and cheerful sanity. Her songs, chanted with accentuated lugubriouswould be invaluable of fire, but they might well be reserv-

ed for such an emergency. The contralto singer is, I admit, revrential, and no oratorio would be omplete without her. I have never doubted that her's was a perfectly good attitude; my argument is that it gives the world no brightness. Unless she sings very badly no one is made to laugh; only people who are hard of hearing can smile at her. Not content with her own efforts, she has of late invited and procured the assistnce of a 'cello obligato. The violoncello is an instrument taking views of public and private affairs similar to those held by the contralto, and

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when it observes some siight tendency cleverness in declaring that I could have thought of a better simile with one hand tied behind me. The cona few deprecatory notes, as who should say, 'Do look where you're going.' The 'cello also, opportunity offering, grunts an expression of personal opinion to the effect that everything is wrong, and that for its own part it never felt more out of sorts in all it's life. In the last verse the singer and the 'cello struggle to out-vie each other in mournful predictions and desolate recriminations. I always feel inclined to back the contralto, and, indeed, she generally finishes at least wo bars ahead. Schools, said a small boy, were in-

vented so that you should enjoy holi-days; simi'arly, the contrakt singer, perhaps, makes us appreciate the joys of the world. And yet because it is better to laugh than to cry, I do wish she would cheer up.

The Proverbs of Piljosh.

Freely Rendered Into English From the Original styptic. BY F. ANSTEY.

By F. Anstey.

Translator's Note.—The compositions of this philosopher have, as all Orientalists are aware, long enjoyed a considerable reputation in their native land. Of the author himself little is known except that he was born on the list of April, 1460 (old style), and filled the important and responsible office of Archi-mandrake of Paraprosokkian. Many of his so-called proverbs are in the nature of short parables or fables, though the text of the "applications" is frequently so corrupt that even a conjectural reading can only be hazarded with the utmost diffidence. The translator has not hesitated to commit a few slight anachronisms whenever he considered that they would render the original meaning more intelligible.—F. A.

The Butterfly visited so many flow-

The Butterfly visited so many flowers that she fell sick of a surfeit of nectar. She called it "nervous breakdown.'

"Instead of vainty lamenting over those we have lost," said the young Cuckoo severely to the Father and Mother Sparrow, "it seems to me that you ought to be very thankful that I am left to you."

"I am old enough to be thy grand-father!" said the Egg to the Chicken. "In that case," replied the Chicken, "It is high time that thou bestirredest

for the career I have chosen.'

the Chicken. "Politics!" answered the Egg.

And the Chicken pondered over the saying.

There is only one thing that irritateth a woman more than a man who doth not understand her, and that is a man who doth.

A certain Artificer constructed a mechanical Serpent, which was so natural that it bit him in the back. "Had I but another hour to live," he lamented, "I would have rendered its action yet more perfect!"

The Woman was so anxious to remain independent of Man that she voluntarily became the slave of a machine.

A singer had a small mole behind her ear, which spoilt its symmetry-but she would never have known of it had it not been for her relations.

The Idol went on smiling, rather than tell the priests that the flowers were making its head ache.

"She used to be so fresh; but she's gone off terribly since I first knew her!" the Slug observed of the Strawberry.

The Ase heard the Lion roar, and exclaimed: "The Plagarist!"

Someone said to the Mole: "What a splendid sunset this evening!"

"To tell you the truth," he replied,
"sunsets have so much deteriorated
from what they used to be in my
young days that I have long given up looking at them."

"A cheery laugh goes a long way in this world," remarked the Hyena,

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"I trust I have made myself per-fectly clear?" observd the Cuttlefish, after discharging his ink.

The Cockney was told that if he placed the Sea-shell to his ear, he would hear the murmur of the Ocean-waves. He heard not the waves, but he distinctly caught the melody of the negro-minstrels.

"It is some satisfaction to feel that we have both been sacrificed in a de-serving cause," said the Brace-button to the Threepenny Bit, as they met in the offertory bag.—Punch.

The Original Summer Girl.

After much biologic research.
From evidence strong, I believe
That I have found out,
Beyond shadow of doubt.

That the first Summer Girl was Eve. She had unconventional ways,
She lived out of doors, and all that;
She was tanned by the sun
Until brown as a bun.

For she roamed 'round without any hat To a small garden-party she went,

Where the men were exceedingly few: But she captured a mate And settled her fate, As often these Summer Girls do.

Now, my statement, of course, I have

proved;
But as evidence that ian't all;
A Summer Girl she
Is conceded to be
Because she stayed there till the Fall.
-CAROLYN WELLS in July "Smart

True to His Faith.



Mrs. Sparks—Can't you get it together, John? Reverend Mr. Sparks—No. I cannot, Mary; and if it wasn't that I'm a min-ister of the gospel I'd kick the whole darn business to pleces.

Why Some People Are Not Married.

THEN I do meet my ideal of a HEN I do meet my ideal of a wife I shall marry.
Only let her be amiable, af-fectionate, agreeable, affable, accomplished, beautiful, benigh, be-

nevolent, bewitching, charming, can-did, cheerful, careful, dutiful, dignified, "Not so," said the Egg, "since the longer I tarry here the fitter am I for the career I have cheere" humans bealthy intended handsome. or the career I have chosen."

"And what may that be?" inquired gent industrious, just, kind, liberal, lively, modest, merciful, meek, noble, deely modest, merciul, meek horis, obedient, open, obliging, pretsy prudent, polite, pleasing, quiet, quiek, queenly, robust, rich, submissive, springhtly, sensible, tall, true, temperate, unselfish, virtuous, witty, x-

eptional, young, zealous. But I have not found one yet that vas even rich.

My reasons for being a bachelor: 1. I can smoke without fear of renonstrance or bickerings.

I can come home late at night without having to be put through a cross-examination that even a Q. C. auld not improve upon.

 I can occasionally kick the cat.
 A. On a Saturday afternoon I can Mrs. Bloggs enjoy a well-earned rest, and do not Why. ever all have to clean the knives and ferks or the boots.

5. Because I am a Brute,

"You see, it was this way. My young man was fond of money, and only spent one shilling on me during a courtable of two years. He took me to a lecture on economics. I had learnt dressmaking at an evening school, and he was pleased with the court of the dressmaking at an evening school, and he was pleased with the result of my efforts, and he hinted we could save money when we got married, and I thought so too. But when he mentioned helping at the toom from four to six in a morning, I broke off the engagement. Can you blame me?

I give three reasons why I never married.

1. When I was twenty-two I fell in love with a young lady six miles from my home, whom I visited twice a week for two years. I then left home for four months, wrote weekly; three months after I left she married another fellow.

other fellow.

2. At twenty-five I was desperately in love with what I thought an ideal girl. Was engaged for six months, called away for three weeks on business. In the meantime a young gentleman who came into a fortune provided to have a six of the provided to the state of the six of

posed to her and was accepted.

3. A few months after, in the spring, 2. A few months after, in the spring, I met a young lady whose kind and sympathetic nature won my affections. We became engaged, and agreed to marry the following Christmas. I left town for a month: returned to find she had married somebody else. I do not think I shall try again.

My dearest Edith,—Thanks for your welcome little note. I intend running over to see you to-morrow week, as I have a lot to tell you. You over to see you to morrow week, as I have a lor to tell you. You say you wonder why I don't marry. Why should I? It's very nice of you to say I am beautiful, accomplished and lovable—you fatter me. You also observe that I ought to marry—you are in error—and that I should take pity on one of my many suitors. I take pity on them all. Again, why should I marry? I have a parrot that used horrid words, and a cat that stays out at night. What else would you have? No, dear, I prefer to remain in a state of single blessedness.

Expect me then on Thursday, ich proxime.—Your loving friend. Eveline.

It's not for want of lovers that I'm

It's not for want of lovers that I'm single—oh dear no! I've lovers in galore, both young and

They kiss and they caress me, their great love for me to show.
(I hope you will not think me very

Twas but last night I sat upon (don't

tell) a young man e knee.
The while his arm was stealing round my waist;
He kissed me once, I kissed him twice—twas very wrong of me,
But kissing was always to my taste.

The reason I'm not married is not very far to seek.

I cannot take life seriously as yet: But that can't be expected—I was only six last week. I'm still my father's and my

mother's "pet."

The New Primer.

"See the corn in the field. Can the No: the corn stalks."

"See the predly cake. Does the cake stalk?" "Never. But you should see a cake walk."

"I have a rope. Can the rope walk?"
"Yes, if it is taut." "The hen is in the garden. Does the

"No, the hen sets"
"The mercury is in the tube. Will
the mercury set" "No, my child. Wait until July and

Vicar's Wife: Well, Mrs. Bloggs, I'm glad to hear your husband has given up drinking. I hope he's all the

Mrs. Bloggs: Oh. yes. 'M, that he be.
Why. ever since 'e took the pledge,
he's been more like a friend than a
husband!



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ORMALITIES having been observed with that precision considered absolutely necessary now-adays in the sporting world, an international race on Lake Ontario for 35-foot yachts is now a certainty. The contest will take place off the port of Charlotte in about three weeks' time, or, to be more exact, between September 8 and 15. The trophy to be sailed for is the Fisher Cup, of which the Rochester Yacht Club is the possessor. The Genesee, winner of Canada's Cup last year, will be the defender, and either the Beaver or Minota will represent the challenging club, the Royal Canadian Yacht Gub, of Toronto. These facts are chronicled to show the importance

the event from a yachting point of view. Ever since the Canada's Cup races off the Island last summer, there has been dissatisfaction on both sides. The Canadians handed over the trophy with considerable reluctance, although acknowledging defeat under the conditions that existed. damed the light weather that prevailed during the races They were confident of victory if there was any kind of a breeze, but the long-looked-for blow never came. Chicago yachtsmen were gratified at the victory because their club took the cup, but at Rochester, the home of the Genesee, there was a feeling of disappointment because they had nothing to show for the win.

The contest for the Fisher Cup ought to satisfy all parties concerned. The Canadians will have a chance to make good the vaunted superiority of their craft in a strong breeze, and the Yankees are confident of showing that the Genesee can beat anything on the lake, no matter what kind of weather prevails. The Beaver and the Minota will sail a series of trial races here on the Bay, and a special com-mittee of the R.C.Y.C. will select the better boat to meet the Genesee. In this series there is much to interest local yachtsmen, as there is a great diversity of opinion as to which is the superior craft. Many cling to the view that the McLeod design is faster under all conditions than the boat that was selected to defend Canada's Cup last year. Regarding the outcome of the Fisher Cup race, it looks

very much like a question of skippers. Mr. Aemilius Jarvis, who will sail the challenger, has no equal on the great lakes, and it is the firm belief of most yachtsmen both Canadian and Yankee, that either the Beaver or Min ote can beat the Genesee, unless the Rochester craft has Chas. G. Davis, of New York, at the helm. Mr. Davis sailed the Genesee in the Canada's Cup races, and to his masterly handling can be attributed, in a large measure success in that event. The Canadians claim that Mr. Davis is not a bona fide amateur, and question the quality of sportsmanship that would import a skipper for the sake of winning a race. The Genesee has been in commission she has done nothing outside of club racing. The Canadians do not regard her as unbeatby any means, in fact, they think it all depends upon her skipper, as to whether or not she has a chance of vic-But that might be a prejudiced view of the situation.

Of the entire 150 members of the American Canoe Association in camp on Big Island, Lake Rosseau, for the past two weeks, less than a dozen cooked their own meals. The others are at the table as they would at a summer resort hotel, their meals being supplied by a caterer chartered for the occasion. To some visitors this state of affairs appeared to be somewhat out of place, as the cooking of meals is one of the most engaging fetures of camp life. The drunken carousals of certain members of the Buffalo contingent shamed the respectable portion of the camp, and much regret was felt for the officers, who had done every thing in their power for the comfort and enjoyment of the members, but who, in this particular instance, found themselves unable to cope with the rowdies.

Another month and the football player will be the popular idol. Rugby, of course, will have the call, but the association game has made gigantic strides the past year or so, and is fast coming back into popularity. Especially is this the case in this city. In the provincial towns, with the exception perhaps of Hamilton, Ottawa, Brockville, and Kingston, association football has always maintained its supremacy. It is a much cleaner game than Rugby, and one in which science counts vastly more than brute strength. Rugby is essentially rough, and this probably explains the popularity of the sport in large centers of pop The public that raves over its Fitzsimmons and McGoverns rejoices in the displays of pugilism and wrestling on the football field.

Speaking of football, it is interesting to note that one of the four changes made this year in the United States rules, is to govern "unsportsmanlike conduct." The rule in substance is that in case of any act by a member of a team or by a substitute or sympathizer of the team, the umpire is given power to impose a penalty. Walter Camp says that a case where this rule would apply would be where a member of a team threw his headgear at one of his op-ponents who was in the act of making a play. The rule, he added, was found necessary by reason of certain oc-currences of last year.

Some such legislation was passed by the Ontario Rugby Union after the close of last season, so that perhaps we are no purer ourselves, except that in so far as the college games are concerned there is yet to be heard the slightest

The two years' existence of the Intercollegiate Union has been marked by stirring, hard-fought games, but the objectionable features have been noticeable by their absence.

The lawn bowlers had their innings this week at Niag-

ara-on-the-Lake, and they had a very enjoyable time Bowling is one of those very few pastimes in which men may indulge without a severe strain on their tempers. The best of good nature prevails, and all debts contracted on the field of play are immediately liquidated at the conclusion of the game. This pastime is fascinating to the Man of Obesity for several reasons. In the first place, the exercise has a tendency to reduce the superfluous adipose tisue, something every fat person secretly desires. Secondly participation in the game gives the opportunity to shed coat and waistcoat and pose as the Shirt-waist Man, an-other factor that will be fully appreciated during the hot weather. There were many fat men in the tournament at Niagara this week, probably an average of one to each of the thirty-two rinks in play. There is not much in bowling from a spectator's point of view, but some of the finishes, especially that of President-elect A. S. Wigmore's rink on he opening day, were most exciting to the onlookers.

Last fall there was some talk of a Canadian lacross eam visiting Australia, probably in the year 1901. At that ime, however, it was only talk. The Canadians said what a nice thing it would be, and held a protracted correspondence with Australian enthusiasts, who held out indu of crowds numbering 25,000 or more, and little things like that. Nobody, though, thought enough of the proposition to give the Canadians a guarantee, and run the trip as a money-making scheme. The matter finally dropped, but has been revived this week by an offer of an Australian enthusiast to donate two hundred pounds towards the expense of a visit of a Canadian team. This looks like business, and representatives of the Dominion will likely get lown to business.

Eastern lacrossists will hardly figure on the team. British Columbia they have the idea that they play a superior game, and as they have conducted all the correspondence and are better located geographically, they will doubtless get the call. The comparative strength of the east and west will be demonstrated in a fortnight's time, when the western champions, the New Westminster, B.C., club, play the senior league teams in this part of the country.

Golf.



H. TAYLOR, the open champior Great Britain, sailed for Amca on the 4th inst., and is now in the United States, where his series of matches is being arranged. Though it is understood he will meet Vardon between now and the middle of September, this does not look probable, as the weather and the courses will be more in favor of first-class golf say a month later, and besides, the interest and speculation as to their respective merits will be much more keen after it has been well demonstrat-ed what Taylor can do in this country. Golfers in all parts are preparing to follow his march

through the country, and compare his performance with that of the ex-champion, Vardon. Apropos of Harry Vardon, rumor has it that one of Ontario's enterprising clubs has about completed arrangements to bring the Ganton man to its course, and pitt him against the best ball of the two best players in the district. From a golfing standpoint, this is sport, and cannot be too highly appreciated. It costs a goodly sum to secure Vardon for a match, something in the neighborhood of \$300 and expenses, and as there is no gate in a case like this, the amount has to com y subscription. Until matters have been definitely closed, he name of the club and the names of the men whom it s proposed to play against the ex-champion, will not be published. If Vardon does come to Canada, we may asume that before he returns to the United States he will lso be seen on the links of the Toronto Club.

The best ball of the ex-Canadian champion, Mr. J. S. Gil-espie, and Mr. H. R. Sweeny, was beaten by Vardon at the Eagle's Nest Golf Club on the 6th by 19 holes in a 36 match. During the game, Vardon was called upon to make an unusual stroke, which well illustrates the playing ability and sure eye of the Englishman. After driving from the tee, his ball was found to be resting on a decayed stump was found to be resting on a decayed stump some 16 inches off the ground. Taking his brassey, Vardon played this cleanly for 230 yards. This is no slight feat, and the onlookers say that it was a remarkable stroke, and

worth going miles to see.

The Atlantic City Golf Club announces that Taylor is play over its course at Northfield at the end of August beginning of September.

At Manchester, Vermont, George Low, the Dyker Meadow pro., defeated Champion Travis by 3 up and 2 to go. It will be remembered that Vardon twice defeated Low, first by 5 up and 3 to go, second to up and 8 to go, the latter game being over the Dyker Meadow course.

"Golf's" English correspondent, in his report of the British championship meeting, sends a few note-book jot-

ings which are interesting. He says that he noticed the following: 1st, the excellence of the whole green; 2nd, not a single left-hand player in the entries: 3rd, the use by many of the best players of the old wooden putters for their long putts, using a putting cleek only for the short worrying. 12-inch putts; 4th, the entire absence of male and female red coats; 5th, the great case of style of all the players; 6th, all the players playing in coats, no shirts sweaters visible; 7th, the excellence of all the arrangements; 8th, no American players.

Lieut.-Commander McCrea has invented a new game, oquet goli, which has become popular in Washington, here society has gone wild over it. The American press escribes it as follows: The course on any field or lawn pends upon the lay of the land. The paraphrenalia include a set of croquet wickets and as many numbered flags. The club is a long-handled affair that is neither a golf club oquet mallet, nor polo stick, but a fearsome combination One end of the striking head is used for driving, and the other is bevelled, so as to permit of a lofting The balls are of wood, 2 3-4 inches in diameter The more natural obstructions there are, such as bushes the more natural obstructions there are, such as busnes, hills and hollows, the better, as they call for special skill in loiting and driving. The ground is levelled at the starting point, and in the vicinity of each wicket. The course is marked by both wickets and flags, the player scoring by either driving the ball through the wickets or hitting the dag staffs. The distances between wickets vary according flag staffs to the lay of the land. Most of the rules of golf are used and the game requires genuine skill and accuracy of hand and eye to play it well. At the Navy Yard there is a course of 1,000 yards, 7 wickets, which has been negotiated in 22

In Boston the game of lawn-golf has been instituted, and has a number of followers. It is a sort of mix-up between golf and tennis. It can be played on an ordinary tennis court, the only shots that can be made are practically putts, and short approaches. There are 5 holes of 4 1-2 inches in diameter and 1 1-2 inches high at the back but open at one side, and capable of being turned in any direction. They are located at each end of the court, with the exception of the 5th, which is in the center. The end les are played over twice, making a o-hole round. bunkers are of canvas, octagonal in shape and painted blue to represent water, while two sets of nets 3 by 8 feet are placed in front of the 7th and 9th holes. Local rules pretty well govern the game, one of the special ones being that time the ball touches a boundary line or bunker, a

The fact of new games like the above being invented and becoming popular, shows the hold that golf has in the nearts and minds of the American people, and it is becom-

ng the same here.



Mamma—Now go and say good-night to your governess, like good little girl, and give her a kiss.

Little Puss—I'll say good-night, but I won't give her a kiss.

Mamma—That's naughty! Why won't you give her a kiss?

Little Puss—Because she slaps people's faces when they try bigs here.

months he does not play any better, if as well, as he did during the first few weeks. Rigden says in cases of this sort that the novice has been playing too much, and a rest of a week or two will do him no harm. When he comes back to the green again he will find that his time has not been thrown away, and that he is far more advanced in his knowledge of golf than he really believed. This may chirk up a number of beginners, who are losing heart at their

Mrs. Sidney Smith, of "Tennis and Golf" fame, who has done so much for the Ottawa Golf Club, is in Toronto

on a visit. She is stopping at the Island.

The Cobourg Club had its revenge on Port Hope winning handily in the return match at Cobourg last week The Rochester Club sent a team to Cobourg on Saturday, and defeated the home club in a good match by 12 up The following team will represent the Rosedale Club in heir game with Port Hope this afternoon on the links of the latter club: Lyon (captain), Baxter, Strath, Dawson, Baillie, Wright. Sproule. Metcalfe, and Ross.

The course at old Niagara is being put into first-class shape for its coming tournament, at which Toronto will this year be well represented. A number of the best players from the local clubs have signified their intention ing.

Notes of the Drama.



IN the "Fortnightly Review" for July, Mr. Beerbohm Tree discusses the staging of Shakespearian plays He does not agree with the view of Mr. Lee and other well-known critics that modern acting has seriously suffered from the undue attention given to the magnificence of setting. Mr. Tree is facetious. He writes:
"Many able pens have been busy

of late, and much valuable ink has been expended, in assuring us that the modern method is a wrong method, and that Shakespeare can rescued from the slough only be into which he has fallen by a return to that primitive treatment which may be indicated in such stage instructions as 'This is a forest,' 'This is a wall,' 'This is a youth,' 'This is a maiden,' 'This is a moon.' The first count in the indictment,

according to one distinguished writer, is that it is the modern manager's 'avowed intention to appeal to the spectator mainly through the eye.' If that be so, then the manager is clearly at fault—but I am unacquainted with that man-We are told that the manager nowadays will only produce those plays of Shakespeare which lend themselves to 'ostentatious spectacle.' If that be so, then the manager is clearly at fault—but I am still unacquainted with him. We are assured on the authority of this same writer, who I am sure would be incapable of deliberately arguing from false premises, that in the most influential circles of the theatrical profession it has become a commonplace to assert that Shakespearian drama can not be successfully produced on the stage—can not be rendered tolerable to any large section of the play-going public—without a plethora of scenic spectacle and gorgeous costumes which the student regards as superfluous and inappropriate. ' If it be so, the unknown manager is once more at fault. We may, indeed, take him to be a vulgar rogue, who produces Shakespeare for the sole purpose of gain, and who does not hesitate to debauch the public taste in order to compass his sordid

It is, of course, impossible on the stage to hold in numbers 'the vasty fields of France'—but it is not impossible to suggest those 'vasty fields.' Can it be reasonably argued that, because in these lines he prays his auditors to employ the powers of their imagination, therefore we in these days are to be debarred from helping that imagination with the means at hand? But if we would get a really just view of Shakespeare's notions of how his dialogue and action were to be theatrically assisted, we need do nothing else than turn to the stage directions of his plays. To take three examples, I would beg of you carefully to read the stage instructions in The Tempest, Henry VIII., and Per-cles, and ask yourselves why, if Shakespeare contemplated nothing in the way of what we term a production, he gave such minute directions for effects which, even in our time artistic and scientific mounting, are difficult of realization. Surely no one reading the vision of Katharine of Aragon can come to any other conclusion than that Shake peare intended to leave as little to the imagination as posible, and to put upon the stage as gorgeous and as complete a picture as the resources of the theater could supply.

Upon the point of "cutting" Mr. Tree insists that the process to an extent is necessary in the present day, would be impossible otherwise to bring most of SI peare's plays within the three-hours' limit which he himelf has described as the proper traffic of the stage. In times gone by, when there was practically no scenery at all, when the public were satisfied to come to the playhouse and remain in the seats without moving from the beginning to the end of the performance (taking solid and liquid refreshnent when it pleased them), a much lengthier play was possible than in these days; but to perform any single one of Shakespeare's plays without excision at all would be to court failure instead of success. To play, for example, the whole of Hamlet or Antony and Cleopatra-the two longest of Shapespeare's works-without a cut, would mean a est of Shapespeare's works—without a cut, would mean a stay of about five hours in the theater. This would never be tolerated now, and the result of such a practice would be to empty the theater instead of to fill it. Modern conditions of life obviously do not admit of such a system. Moreover, Shakespeare himself did not represent the entire play of Hamlet, which was subjected to judicious cuts in his own time-and there is nothing to show that his dramas were ever performed in their printed entirety. Take, for example, Antony and Cleopatra. We have no evidence that was ever played in Shakespeare's own time: but if it were, the loose construction of Act III., involving as it doe the necessity of no less than eleven changes of scene, could ardly have fulfilled the ideal dramatic requirements of even

Madame Sada Yacco, who has recently been portraying Japanese character for New York audiences, is the only Japanese actress in the world. Until four years ago, she was a geisha girl in Tokio, and attracted attention through the F. E. Rigden, the coach, in his advice to beginners, gives some exceptionally sound pointers. What discourages a beginner more than almost anything else is very often the fact that after practising day after day for several to become an actress. In carrying out her resolve, she was

greatly helped by Otto Kawakami, the leading tragedian of Japan, to whom Madame Yacco has since been married, and who is the head of the company of actors in which she is leading lady. Madame Yacco is accounted one of most beautiful of Tokio women, and her acting is marked by much charm in the lighter scenes, and by much power in the portrayal of strong feeling. Her gorgeous stage costumes are the envy of American women who have Except on the street, she always wears the rich robes of her native land.

Mrs. T. P. O'Connor, wife of the well-known editor and Member of Parliament, recently entertained her friends at an "At Home" at Wyndham's Theater, London, to hear some excellent music, followed by a very remarkable little one-act play. The story turns on the love of a girl with some dark blood in her veins for an officer who is purely white, and there is a struggle, eminently characteristic of a city like New Orleans, between law, prejudice and love. The situation is ultimately saved by the mother of the girl sacrificing her veracity by swearing when she is dying that the child is not hers and that she is purely white. The acting success of the afternoon was gained by Miss Amy Height, a colored girl very well known in the music-hall world in London, in the part of a negro "mammy," and world in London, in the part of a negro "mammy," and other characters were played by Mrs. Cecil Raleigh, Miss Lettice Fairfax, Mr. Laurence Irving, and Mr. Brandon Thomas. Mrs. O'Connor's success will doubtless encourage her to proceed with the more ambitious drama, founded on the life of Parnell, which she has for so long been credited with the idea of writing.

Ben Hur, which opens its New York run at the Broadyay Theater on September 3, will remain in New York or five weeks. It then goes to Philadelphia, opening at the Chestnut Street Opera House on October 8, and remains there until the new Colonial Theater in Boston is ready for dedication, when this play will be used, to remain in Boston until about June. The Chestnut Street Opera House in Philadelphia will have its stage enlarged to admit of the production, which will be the most massive ever shown in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Brown-Potter appears to be a lucky woman. Not only has Lady Meux presented her with a play by Belasco, but Belasco himself gave her as a parting gift the Australian rights to Madame Butterfly, a suitable gift, as Mrs. Potter is considering an offer from James Williamson to star in Australia in 1901. The Belasco play was written especially for her, and will be produced in London. The first part is said to be as long and as strong as Zaza, but depicting a different type of woman.

Shea's Theater, in Yonge street, will reopen on Monday, August 27. Mr. Shea promises to eclipse his efforts of last season, and that means that he will give the finest vaudeville performance to be seen in America. When Mr. Shea came to Toronto one year ago he stated that he would give the people of Toronto the very best of high-class vaudeville, He kept his promise to the letter. That he profited by giving only the best is shown by the fact that he has re-newed his lease of the theater for five years, and vaudeville is to be a permanent feature in Toronto's amusements. four or five weeks, painters and decorators have had the theater in hand, and it will re-open neater and prettier than ever. Besides re-touching the decorations of the house everal new sets of scenery have been added to the already splendid equipment. All the best attractions in vaudeville have been booked for Toronto, and when the house opens on August 27 it will be with a list of attractions equal to any ever presented on this continent.

Red Hair, Black and Other Shades.



WHY does a bad woman on the stage always assume red hair?" asked one man of Old Tree of Knowledge. Hair is of great value," said the

Old Man, inadvertently caressing the bald spot on the top of his head. "Indeed it is," said somebody.
"I cannot deny it," said the Old
Gentleman. "But I mean the color

of the hair. Red hair always seems to suggest the crest of the volcano. There is something positive, very positive, about red hair and black hair. But both are hon-

and black hair. But both are honest. You don't quite trust them, don't you know. And when a man or woman is frank enough to let you see the danger that may be in them, that's honesty. And they are more trustworthy then than—well, many others. That woman in the play is honest. We cannot stop to justify a man so blind as not to know what kind of a thing she is."

"But black hair is not a sign of frankness" But black hair is not a sign of frankness.'

Temperament is there-and tempera-"I think it is. ment is almost everything in living now," went on the Old Gentleman, assuming an easy attitude, and throwing his head back "You can't tell about a chestnut-haired woman, or a blonde, or a demi-brunette. You can tell what a black-haired woman or a red-haired woman is capable of doing when she's angry. But the vagaries of the temper of the variegated family of blondes pass all understanding, and the gentle little woman with innocent wide-open eyes and a top-knot of wavy brown hair may not make noise or get up as loud an eruption as the red or black, but she can be quite as effective; and you don't know how

'The Tree of Knowledge' is dropping large bunches of fruit this evening," said the man in the corner.

"Ignorance nowadays is mostly the concealment of nowledge. It's not what we don't know; it's what we don't tell," sighed the Old Man. "The neutral tint always leaves something to the imagination. And black is black and red is red; but-I don't know"-and the Old Gentleman looked up at the ceiling whimsically. "I wonder why Nature had never given anybody blue hair or green hair. The defect has been nearly cured by women, but while they will change to a golden, or a magenta, or an autumn-field color, or a red, or a black, they will not quite make themselves green or blue."

Forgiven.

She said she couldn't swim a bit, and didn't dare to try, But I persuaded her at last the billows to defy. And, half within my willing arms, she ventured out away, And bravely let me teach her through one long midsummer day.

I've since been told, by one who knows, that she had swam for years

When she pretended to be shy, and let me sooth her fears,-That she has medals near a score for racing through the And barely gives a second thought to all the lives she saves.

Shall I denounce this wicked maid for thus deceiving me. When next we meet upon the sands, beside the rolling sea? Ah, no, I'll keep my temper, though in truth she vexed me

And maybe she will let me teach her how to swim once -Wallace Dunbar Vincent.

"Miss Peech," stammered the bashful young man at the other end of the sofa, "would you-er consider me bold if I were to-er-throw a kiss to you?" "Bold," quoth she. "I'd consider it the quintessence of aziness."

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Mrs. Cassidy's Corner.

'M not the wan to spake aginst the pollis," said Mrs. Cassidy, with reticent kindness. "But ye'll allow, Miss dear, that they're times and again a thrifle fresher than Mike Murphy's egg. Mike was ating 'em raw, an' just then, says wan of the eggs, 'Cheep, cheep.' Mike gave a hard swallow, and, says he, 'Be schmarter next toime, young burd,' says he. But about the pollis; it seems they've arranged that there's to to be no sellin' on my corner, or on that other corner, any more. For why? Sure 'tis along of the thraffickers to the boats fer Niagry an' th' Island. I may move down below there wid the Sheenies and the Dagoes, says the pollisman to me, or I may quit—an' I've quit. Molly's that pleased ye wouldn't know her. An she's not goin' to be a nurse anny more. Miss dear. It seems that young doctor that set her. to me, or I may quit—an' I've quit. Molly's that pleased ye wouldn't know her. An she's not goin' to be a nurse anny more, Miss dear. It seems that young doctor that set her up wid the notion came to see her wan evening, and I d d think I heard a queer noise in the gardin, and whin I ast Molly, says she, 'Mother, them as asks gets the credit of the lie!' an' bymeby Mollie says again, 'I'm not say-in' I slapped the young doctor, but if he's here again I might.' He never came nigh, us since, but Molly's a changed girl. 'I'd not make a nurse ever, Mother agra, says she, mocking Cornelius. 'The young doctor told me I'd not the right temperature,' says she. 'It was that hottest day he said it, an' I know he was makin' game o'me. An' I'm done with him,' says she. 'Twas not right to slap him, Molly,' says I, quizzin'-like. 'Twas not right to slap him, Molly,' says I, quizzin'-like. 'Twas not, if you say so,' says she, an' she's that close about it. An', Miss dear, here'll be Con. home nixt week, an' the war's about done in one place and started in another. But I'd not demean a son o' mine to fight a pigtail Chinee, an' by all accounts Con's had his fill o' fightin'.

"There's many a mother would change places wid me this day, and them the quality, too! There's a letter from Gloria Hughes this week, an' Molly was readin' it her way. Every time she comes to an 'I' she says it loud. The air was thick with the poor letter, and I be wonderin' if the Globe printers be shy of 'I's' fer the rest of the paper! That letter was like the tail of a paycock, or the unanimous vote of a convention. I'm sorry they turned him down, poor soul, for he was a cheerful writer, an' I thought every-

vote of a convention. I'm sorry they turned him down, poor soul, for he was a cheerful writer, an' I thought everyone loved him, but it seems 'twasn't so. I wonder whin he wint under did he take the Terrapin too? But whin Con comes home he'll make the matter plain, and insense us into the ways of Hutton and the rest o' the Hughes bunch. Excuse that word, Miss dear, 'tis what little Con does be callin' thim.

callin' thim.

"What'll I do now, Miss dear? Well, I'll take a long vacation, like that lady over in Sherbourne street that has her house all shut up, an' takes the milk in by the back lane gate. I see in a paper that she's gone to the sea-side, but she won't see much on that side she's at, fer the lane is narrow an' there's a stable on the lot facin' it. I'm thinkin' narrow an' there's a stable on the lot facin' it. I'm thinkin' of sending a note to the daily papers to say 'Mrs. Cornelius Cassidy is at her summer residence,' just to be in wid the fashion, but Molly won't let me. I might just as well as the coal-oil man's wife across the street. She's 'on the lake shore fer the heated term,' it says in the paper. I hope the weather don't soon change, fer she's a poor neighbor and too handy a borrower. The lady in the big house we the street was into the burgher's shor yesterday, an' says. bor and too handy a borrower. The lady in the big nouse up the street was into the butcher's shop yesterday, an' says she, 'I never leave town until the last week in August, and so I miss the Exhibition raiders,' says she. The butcher sawed her off a round steak, and whin she was gone he groaned. 'That's the meanest woman I serve,' says he. 'Necks o' mutton and round steaks and liver is her alterated as the Cubic in hot

'Necks o' mutton and round steaks and liver is her alternate,' says he. 'Her husband dines at the Club in hot weather, an' she puts the housekeeping money on her back. Five dollars her bill was last month,' says he. 'It's not worth the sendin' over at all.'

"But see here." said Mrs. Cassidy, "as this is the last day I'll see you, Miss dear, an' it's Cornelius's birthday, an' fer several other reasons beside, there's one thing I'd make bold to say to ye. Whinever ye feel ye'd be the better of a cup o' rale tay and a slice o' Molly's home-made cake, ye'll be as welcome as the flowers in May, and ye know the place, an' the new dog's fond of ye already. Sometimes, I do be thinkin' I'll miss the corner, an' the people I've got to know by sight, but there's the daily papers to tell me where they are, an' what they wear, an' do, an' think, an' say. 'Tis a blessin' folks that can't get out do be givin' the daily papers the last few years, no matter how mad some daily papers the last few years, no matter how mad some are that they don't be put in them. Well, well, 'tis noonhour. Good-bye, Miss dear. The Dago has moved below Front street, and the thraffickers has the clean sidewalk to thraffic up and down to the boats. God speed them

A Glimpse at Muskoka.



EAUMARIS, that veritable colony of Americans, was the scene of gay festivity when the Mus-koka Lakes Association held their seventh annual regatta. The weather could not have been fairer, and the breeze which blew steadily all day enabled the yachts and sailing skiffs to get over the course in good time. Congratu-lations were in order to Mr. Ben

Mr. Playfair's "Algonquin," as usual, won the sailing skiff race handily, and due praise was awarded to Mr. Harry Strange, who landed the second prize.

The paddling, skiff and swimming races were the attractions of the afternoon, and the sweet strains of an Italian orchestha floated from a spot near the judge's boat, which, by the way, was carried out amid stream from its moorings an extra heavy gust of wind. Much praise was due to the officers of the association

Much praise was due to the officers of the association for the interesting programme, and for the manner in which the affair generally was managed.

Steam yachts ran up and down the bay all afternoon, and added greatly to the spirit of the day. President F. J. Phillips' launch carried a merry party from his ideal island in Lake Rosseau, "Wistowe." Mr. Long, of Hamilton, and the Rosseau, "Wistowe." and his guests were enthusiastic spectators from his launch. Mr. Standish, of Pittsburg, on his yacht the "Priscilla," had a few of his host of friends on board. Rev. Elmore Harris, in his new launch, "Llano," carried a number of Miss Harris' friends.

In the evening the new ball-room of the Beaumaris hotel was thrown open, and the regular dance was held. the orchestra playing perfectly, to the satisfaction of the large crowd which assembled.

The Grand Trunk special, which leaves town Saturday afternoons, enables many of the Toronto men to take advantage of the holiday and run up to Muskoka.

Among those who took in the regatta, many of whom

remained for the dance, were the Commodore and Mrs. Neilson, Mrs. Mewburn, who chaperoned a small contingent of pretty Hamilton girls, including her charming daughter, Miss Mae, Miss Ruth Fuller, Miss Grace Bull, daughter, Miss Mae, Miss Ruth Fuller, Miss Grace Bull, and Miss Irene Tandy; Miss Playfair, Miss Aggie Ansley, Miss Lillian Jackes. Miss Emily Paterson. Miss Allie Rutter. Miss Bridgeland. who was much admired in Toronto during her short stay here early in the summer; Miss Queenie Watson, Miss Beddo. Two remarkably striking American beauties, who were also extremely graceful dance. ers, were Miss Lee and Miss Neil; Miss Olive Fleming, Miss Davidson, Miss Heron, Miss Woods, and hosts of other Americans. Present also were Mr. Heber Phillips, Mr. Jack McMurrich. Mr. Jim McMurray, Mr. Charlie Fellows, Mr. Gowan Gilmore, Mr. Lane Flaws, Mr. Geo. Gooderham, Mr. Mark Ansley, Mr. Charlie Hill. Mr. Frank Morrison, Mr. Allen Ellis, Mr. Billy Smith. Mr. Godfrey Baldwin, Mr. Harry Strange, and hundreds of

By the way, Beaumaris is going to be extremely gay this summer, as the cottagers and guests of the hotel have arranged for three "Germans" on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd, dred feet too high to suit my theory."



"Go to the devil!"
"You contemptible—I—I cannot express myself, sir!"
"Go by freight, then!"—Life.

the one on the 15th being given by the American girls. The orchestra is also to play once a week besides, so the new ball-room will be very much appreciated this season. Together with their goli links, tennis courts and baseball field, surely Beaumaris will not find a dull five minutes for many moons to come.

That tall and graceful brunette, Miss Crossen, of Cobourg, is staying, together with her cousins, at the Elgin house, Port Sandfield.

Mr. Zeb. Lash and his friend, Mr. Arthur Murrich, spent the holiday on that prettily-wooded island, in Lake Rosseau, "Family Island."

"Highlands," the beautiful summer home of Mr. and

Mrs. W. J. Douglas, had a merry house party indeed over the holiday, including Miss Amy Douglas, Miss Riordan, of St. Catharines, the Misses Matthews, Miss Susanne Mara, the Misses Misener, of Buffalo, and a number of men

from the R.C.Y.C., who went up with Messrs. Will and Jim Douglas on Saturday morning.

Maplehurst has built a new ball-room with chambers for the men overhead, and this, together with their tennis and golf tournament, will make things lively for the guests there.

That delightful party of Americans are again visiting there, including Miss Specht, Miss Winter, and the Misses Wymer. Mr. Curley Mackay, that bon vivant of ever-ready wit and chivalry, is also one of the familiar land-

ready wit and chivalry, is also one of the familiar land-marks connected with Maplehurst.

Windermere came in for its share of fun on Tuesday last, when their annual regatta was held, followed by a dance in the evening, to the music of Glionna's orchestra.

"Giddy, giddy Sandfield" held its regatta on Thursday, the 2nd, and after an afternoon's splashing, paddling, and swimming, ended up nicely with a dance in that fine large ball-room, a thing essential to all popular resorts in Muskoka now, and the orchestra, which is now touring the lakes, played their best, as usual, to the large crowd which gathered from all points.

The Little Game of War.

Tommy Atkins Soliloquizes.

I've seen it in the noospapers that war is just a game, With soldier boys for counters, an' for stakes a country'

N' tho' Hengland plays it well, between the post an' you

the Don in Spain,
We've licked the Bear in Roosher, an' can do it hall again.
We've allus got a scrap or two goin' on somewheres around,
But every time we fight it's on the other feller's ground.

There's a game in A'ghanistan, there's one with Uncle Paul, An' one's a-comin' shortly that looks bigger than them all. For we can't refuse a challenge when asked to take a 'and No matter what the rules may be, no matter where the land.

From the Tropics to the Arctics we are quite content to

But 'aven't for a long time played the game of war at 'ome, For tho' they offen 'as a heye on Britain's sandy shore They don't forget they'd 'ave to pass the British men-o'-

Old Paul rang in some bran-new rules an' thought we was

outclassed, But we are quick at learnin', an' we'll win that game at last. When fust the ball was hopened, Oom Paul 'e sez, says 'e 'I'll drive you bloomin' Britishers slap-bang into the sea.'

An' all the furrin nations which knowed w'at they was

about "Drive 'em in the sea! Oh, Lord, w'y don't yer drive 'em HOUT!!"

An them as knew a thing or two they sez: "'Ark 'ow 'e raves!"

'To think 'e'll drown the British w'en Britannia rules the

lations were in order to Mr. Ben
Wells, who brought his boat, the
"Aleka," first over the judge's
line, followed by Mr. Jack McMurrich's "Elfie," which was
a good second.

It wouldn't do 'im any 'arm to dump 'im in the sea,
There ain't no British soldier needs a bawth as much as 'e
W'en fust the war was started, "Pretoria," sez they,
"Can 'old 'er own against yer for three years anyway."

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But w'en Bobs came a-callin'. Kruger skipped with all the

An' all we 'ad to do was—ring the door bell an'—walk in! The game of war is one thing they cahn't teach yer in the schools.

An' once or twice we've blundered w'ile learnin' the new

But w'en the Boers wins a trick, to' ear the row they make, You'd never think they done it by the other chaps' mistake. They never got in Ladysmith, altho' they 'ad the charnce; They said they'd capture Cecil Rhodes, but 'e's still in the darnce.

They 'ad a go at Maseking, witch would 'ave been a prize, But loasin' 'round the laarger seemed to be about their size. Well, we've played the game to suit 'em-the rules was all

their own-They chose the time an' place to play, an' they chucked the fust stone.

They showed us very plainly they was spoilin' for a fight, They've 'ad a jolly 'idin', an' it serves the beggars right. But any furder fightin' is just kickin' agenst fate. Another move or two an' then old Hengland cries "Check-they are the transfer to t

The Lion's face is turnin' to a distant furrin land W'ere a little game's a-startin' an' we're arsked to take a 'and.

So kindly settle Kruger without any furder fuss, We've 'eard old China callin': "Won't yer come an' play -Owen A. Smily, in "Evening News Bulletin," Winnipeg.

Too High.

They were both geologists, gathering specimens in a lonely mountain place. They had been sent north by the Ontario Government to prospect the newer portions of the province. One of them had written a book. The other, looking about one day with a field-glass, saw his friend occupied a long time—unobserved, as he thought—in rolling a great stone downhill, and at dinner questioned him about

He pretended at first that he had been doing it for exer-

The Onion Cure.



HEY were talking about their ailments, and the microbe-laden air, and a few cheerful sub-jects like that, and of how business was dull and war not half as big a trade-promoter as it was -cracked up to be, and then they took to counting up how many advertisements they'd passed on the streets setting forth the virtues of various medicines, and they began to calculate how much money people as a rule spent in curing themselves.

"See here," said the fat man,
"if you'd only read the papers

you'd save money. There's a new thing out, only there's a corner among druggists and doctors to suppress information on the subject. It's a dead-sure cure, cheap, and within the reach of the poorest person. I suppose that's the reason it isn't much thought of. Yet it's powerful, pleasant to the palate, produces sleep, promotes digestion, can be to the palate, produces sleep, promotes digestion, can be grown in a corner of your back yard, or bought for a trifle from the vegetable-man. It is, and always has been, used by all good cooks, but in too homeopathic quantities to give it a fair chance. You can take it raw, cooked, fried or boiled, by itself, or with other food, at meals or before them, whenever you like, and as often, and the result will be healthful, and you can take your hot-water treatment at the same time, without either hurting the other."

His friend asked him to name his wonderful cure, and he did so with a voice that had a proper timidity about it, but which penetrated to my side of the car: "A diet of onions," he said. "Eat them for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and in a short time your friends won't know you."

I felt sure of it. It is rather a ghastly prospect to think of all our dyspeptics setting out to cure themselves in this

of all our dyspeptics setting out to cure themselves in this way, but after the peppermint craze one can never tell what will become popular. The general public would certainly find it trying until they were educated up to appreciate its wholesomeness, but there are, I suppose, individuals to whom it would be advantageous. It would be a boon to whom it would be advantageous. It would be a boon to people who are longing for solitude and the exclusive enjoyment of their own society, and the truly pious, while taking the treatment, might drop the "odor of sanctity" which their friends feel so wearing. Sanitary inspectors would no longer be made miserable by complaints of sewer gas and by-lane emanations, and delicate people who don't know what is the matter with them, could insist on being sent to Bermuda, to winter among her onion beds and libt fields. lily fields.

There really seems something in the idea-there often There really seems something in the idea—there often is in those corner newspaper items. Perhaps we ought to thresh it out. The fact of our not liking them has nothing to do with the intrinsic value of medicinal experiments. Nature, for all we know, may in that charming island be working out a great health giving design for many of the ills that flesh is heir to. Lilies and onions smell far apart. yet there they grow in beauty side by side. The useful and the ornamental are too often, in our ideas, divorced from each other; there they flourish in kindred fields. If my fat street car friend is right, there may be a subtle affinity between them that means health and happiness. Who would object to sending away those who want to try

who would object to sending away those who want to be.

We've fought the French in Froggie-land, we've whopped

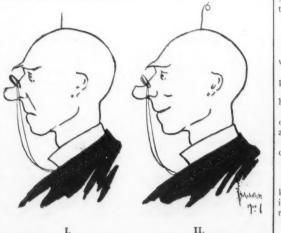
Who would object to sending away those who want to be.

Of course, for those who cannot travel, we must immediately provide an isolation hospital in a waste spot, guaranteed to isolate. Most of us would consent to banish the onion eater from our midst. One cannot tell how many people have already begun this dietary course, but one meets them too often in church, concert and car, and we could spare them, especially in the dog-days, when the vegetable is young, vigorous, and pungent,

J. M. LOES.

An Exhibition of Nerve.

R. ELLSWORTH HAGUE, of Montreal, was recently interviewed in New York by a "Tribune" reporter in regard to winter sports in Canada. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Hague said: "One of the nerviest things ever done in Montreal occurred there in a winter season some fifteen years ago. It was persented the course of the cou there in a winter season some fifteen years ago. It was perpetrated by a countryman of yours, and was the result of an after-dinner wager made in one of our clubs. The 'American' laid a heavy amount that he would go down one of the straight toboggan slides on skates. It was a thing that had never been attempted in Montreal, and one I do not think is likely to grow popular, for a fall would result in almost certain death or in injury so frightful as to make death seem preferable by comparison. The 'American' took all bets, and when the time arrived for the trial he appeared with a pair of old-fashioned skates, generally called 'rockers.' You probably know the kind—where the steel is in the form of a half moon from toe to heel, the blade is all circle, and affords no semblance of an angle to offer resistance. They were a very popular skate in the sixties and seventies, but no man but an expert could use them. It was an exceedingly wise choice, for a skate use them. It was an exceedingly wise choice, for a skate with a straight runner would have deflected or jumped at a small obstacle, which the rocker, on the other hand, would pass safely over. When the appointed hour arrived, and the man appeared, far away at the head of the slide, all present held their breath. It did not seem possible that he could make that fearful descent in safety, and a majority of those present looked for him to pitch over the low sides and to be killed in the fall. With hardly a moment's delay he started. At first he seemed to move slowly, and th his speed rapidly increased. Everybody waited for the fall that did not come. Stiffly erect that black figure descended quickly and yet more quickly. Hali way down his speed was so great that it seemed to the onlookers beyond human endurance for him to retain his balance longer. Yet, flying ever faster and ever standing erect, he held on until he struck the level at the foot. Shooting out on this like a cannon ball, he crossed to the soft snow like a streak of light. Then his speed materially decreased, and when his snow-clogged skates finally pitched him headlong, he received no injury. He was up in a trice without assistance, and his first words were a request for a drink. About twenty were handed him. Beyond a slight pallor, he showed no sign of the great strain he had undergone, and I never heard that he afterward suffered from it. Without exception it was the most wonderful feat of balance and simon pure



Mr. Baldpaite—Before I used that wonderful hair-restorer my hair was short and stiff, but after I used it, it was long and curly. nerve I ever read of or saw. When the diener came off, that was part of the bet, it was what is politely termed an event. It began with oysters and ended with the next morning's breakfast. Anything that chap wanted in Montreal he had but to ask for. He could have lived there all the rest of his days free of charge. But after two weeks of it he packed up and went away. He gave as his reason that, while it was pleasant to have the freedom of a city and everything supplied to you gratis, he thought that if he stayed his demise would occur in about three months; he, therefore, preferred to go off somewhere else, and by supporting himself be able to live to a hoary old age." nerve I ever read of or saw. When the dinner came off,

King Humbert and His Queen.

F anything could add additional gloom and pathos to F anything could add additional gloom and pathos to the assassination of King Humbert, it would be the fact that he met his death at his beloved Monza, writes T. P. O'Connor. As soon as Parliament prorogued it was the invariable custom for the King and Queen of Italy to leave the intolerably hot and trying air of Rome for the freshness and beauty of their estate near the quiet little Milanese town. And during the months of July and August any visitor to Monza might see King Humbert driving down in a low country cart, like any private gentleman, through the narrow streets of the picturesque little village.

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Undoubtedly, the happiest hours of King Humbert's life were those he spent at Monza Castle, for there, relieved from the routine of government he found so irksome, he could give full play to his love of agriculture and gardening. The park is one of the largest in Italy, and was originally planned and laid out by Eugene Beauharnais, Viceroy of Italy under Napoleon I. It is inexpressibly sad to think of the king meeting his death amid surroundings in which he tried to forget his kingship and to become a simple, genial, gossipy neighbor for his acquaintances and his people.

The thoughts of the world are arrested by the terrible tragedy of which the unfortunate king was the victim; but the hearts of the world turn in sympathy to the mourning Queen Margherita. It will be remembered how, as a young bride, she was present at what may be called (if the flippant arrests of the sympassis) of the sympassis of the sympassi expression can be excused) a rehearsal of this last terrible act. She was in the carriage when the half-crazy cook Passanante dashed at the king with an open knife the year after his accession. The queen sustained such a serious nervous shock on that occasion, that many say she never afterwards showed the bright insouciance which was here as a girl in a marked degree.

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"As a Piedmontese," wrote Count Paul Vasili, "he is a perfect gentleman, a brilliant cavalry officer, serious and grave, detesting frivolity. The king has a horror of brag, exaggeration, and superlative epithets.

Humbert I., both as crown prince and as king, has always been in the habit of carefully perusing all the papers, so as to keep himself au courant of public opinion. His Majesty, however, never takes up a book. Like his forefathers, he knows nothing of political philosophy; to compensate for this void in his mental temperament he is a singularly upright man, and gifted with rare good sense. The king's waiting-room and the queen's boudoir are separated by a passage, in which is heard about every minute 'Marguerite', —for His Majesty consults his fair consort about everything, has a profound respect for her character, and is tenderly attached to ound respect for her character, and is tenderly attached to

Many pleasant tales are told of the domestic life of the Many pleasant tales are told of the domestic life of the royal pair. King Humbert's hair went white quite suddenly, and no argument of the queen's would persuade him to dye it. She accordingly sent for a large supply of the newest hair-dye from Paris, and left it, with instructions for its use, in the king's dressing-room. He said nothing, but a day or two later the queen's favorite poodle ran into her room, no longer a marvel of whiteness, but as black as hair-dye could make it! The queen's one failing is a tendency to dressiness, with the inevitable attendant extravagance. One Christmas morning she found a complete pile gance. One Christmas morning she found a complete pile of milliners' and dressmakers' bills, receipted, beneath her table-napkin. There was no other present, and the hint is

table-napkin. There was no other present, and the hint is said to have told.

Here is a story told by the Prince of Naples: The queen had taken to wearing glasses when reading, and the king did not like to see them. "Margherita, put down those glasses," he said, but was not obeyed. "Then papa said, 'Margherita, if you don't take off those glasses I shall sing.' And mamma has such a dread of papa's false notes that she obeys at once to save herself from that torment."

The king was no singer and no reader, and it is doubtful whether the art treasures of his capital meant much to him. The literary and artistic side was left to the queen, whose apartments are filled with books, and who has at all times made great friends of the leading Italian authors of the day. Humbert was a fearless climber and a mighty chamois hunter, like his father before him. He laughed at umbrellas, no matter how heavy the rain, nor could the sun ever be too powerful for him to stand bareheaded at an open-air function. Hardiness was, in fact, an essential element of his nature, in which he gloried.

Like Victor Emmanuel, he had been a tremendous smoker: but it was proved to him that the habit was to some extent undermining his health, and "on the faith of a king" he promised flever to touch cigar or pipe again. What is more wonderful is that he kept the vow. He was a capital talker, who could tell the funniest stories without moving a muscle. He had, indeed, absolute command over himself. And that quality it was, along with his kindly nature and the manly, constitutional instincts that he inherited, which made him, with all his want of genius, a nature and the manly, constitutional instincts that he in-herited, which made him, with all his want of genius, a thoroughly good second sovereign of United Italy.

Ninety-eight in the Shade.

Perspiration is almost peculiar to men, monkeys, and horses. The use of perspiration is mainly to cool the body by its evaporation, and in animals that perspire but little the cooling of the body is effected by evaporation from the

the cooling of the case of a panting dog.

The amount of perspiration varies greatly, according to the temperature of the surrounding air, the condition of health, and the degree of exercise taken. The average amount of perspiration is thought to be about two pints a day, but this is of course much increased in hot weather.

In damp weather evaporation from the skin is lessened, and so one seems to perspire more profusely than in dry weather; but this is only apparent, for really perspiration is

lessened when the atmosphere is charged with moisture.

The treatment of profuse perspiration depends upon the cause. Tonics, cold or cool bathing—especially salt bathreases. Tomes, cold or cool bathing—especially sait bathing—temperate exercise, and rubbing of the skin, are useful in cases dependent upon general debility. Spraying or sponging the body with vinegar and water, or a solution of tanin or of boric acid is useful.—From "Answers."

Some Aphorisms from Miss Wharton's New Book.

From Miss Wharton's new book, A Gift from the Grave,

we take the appended aphorisms: Vanity contents itself with the coarsest diet; there is no palate so fastidious as that of self-distrust.

Genius is of small use to a woman who does not know

how to do her hair.

In the dissolution of sentimental partnerships it is seldom that both associates are able to withdraw their funds at the same time.

Posterity pays the cost of keeping one up, but on condition that one is always open to the public.

We live in our own souls as in an unmapped region. We all like our wrongdoings to have a becoming cut. Only the fact that we are unaware how well our nearest know us enables us to live with them. Love is the most impregnable refuge of self esteem, and we hate the eye that reaches to our nakedness.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the judge, "the prisoner's plea is insanity. That is a question to be settled. Is he insane or not? On that point he is to be judged by a jury of his peers."

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Anecdotal.

The late Sir Joseph Barnby was noted for his capacity for smart repartee. The following is said to be

A young contralto who is already known for her very fine voice was en-gaged at a Handel concert which Sir Joseph was conducting, and in the course of rehearsal she was singing one of her solos. At the end of the solo sle put in a high note instead of the loss effective note usually sung. This innovation from so young a performer shocked the conductor, and he immediately asked if Miss — thought she was right in trying to improve

i, Sir Joseph," said she, 'I've

you wer, I show them off here.

Miss Nethersole must be as interthe way, as she is on the stage. Here is a story about her that halls from Philadelphia. The courage of Casabianca was not in it when contrasted with that of the English actross the Lafayette hotel fire. Miss Neth-ersole "descended the stairs nonchalently." according to one reporter's notes, "carrying her poodle-dog, Barry, in her arms." Barry, by the way, is a stout collie, not a poodle; and this description consequently aroused the critical comment of a New York man, who concluded that Olga had gained muscular development through her Carmen performances. Miss Nethersole has a brother, Louis, who sends around literature anent his clever sis-Louis is more English than Olga and is so lymphatic of temperament that the Lafavette hotel affair did not disturb him in the least. When the



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smoke poured in at his window he rang the patent annunciator, which told the clerks that a porter was wanted in his room to take out the trunks. By this time the porters were hurrying away to save their lives, and Louis came down to the office amid smoke and flames and complained of the beastly service in American hotels.

They breakfasted together, and the

following conversation ensued:
"I guess I'll turn out to see Harry,
after breakfast," said the Englishman. 'Harry?'' queried the American

Yes, my brother," explained the Englishman. "I've two here. Harry lives in San Francisco, and Charlie in Chicago.

"But you'll be back for dinner?" facetiously asked the American.

The Britisher took him seriously. "Sure for dinner, if not for lunch, his friend, now thoroughly alive to the humor of the incident, he found himself a few minutes later in the line of ticket-buyers in the Grand Central Depot.

"An excursion ticket to San Francis o, stopping at Chicago station on return," he ordered.

The ticket agent put about a quar-ter of a mile of pasteboard under his stamp, pounding it for a minute or expectantly awaited payment.
"When does the train go?" asked
the Englishman.
"In ter will."

"In ten minutes," was the answer. "How much is ft?"
"One hundred and thirty-eight dol-

ars and fifty cents. "What?" the Englishman gasped. How far is it?"

"Three thousand miles."
"Dear me! What a country!"

A sister of the late E. P. Roe tells an amusing story of the first lesson which she and her brother ever rerived in Roman history. "Among our most loved and honored

guests, during our childhood, was Dr. Samuel Cox, for many years a prominent clergyman in New York. At times our conversation turned on history, and I remember, on one occasion, he asked Edward and me if we ould give him the names of the first Roman Triumvirate.

At this period of our existence the name 'Caesar' was associated ex-clusively with an old colored man, whom we often visited, and who lived upon a lonely road in the neighborhood. We were vastly astonished, therefore, to learn that the name had ever been borne by a more illustrious erson than our dusky friend; but we listened entranced to the story of the rivalries of Caesar and Pompey for empire of the world.

Unhappily the good doctor could not remember the name of the third tri-umvir, and the lack troubled him That night, about o'clock, I was startled by a loud knock on my bedroom door, and Doctor Cox called out:

'Mary, are you awake?'
I replied that I was—as indeed was veryone else in the house by that

'It's Crassus,' said the doctor and then he returned to his room, greatly Neither Edward nor I ever forgot that first lesson in Roman history."

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"Miss —." rejoined Barnby, "I believe you have two knees, but I hope disease to eat his life away, without doing all he can to cure it, commits

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Had a Bad Appetite

Among a crowd of people gradually making their way into a music hall one evening was a very fat man, in front of whom was a pretty and slin girl. The gentleman in question was amusing himself by passing rude remarks, and squeezing the young lady. She tolerated the treatment for about ten minutes and then she turned round sharply, and sold. sharply and said:

"Please be quiet, sir; let me alone."
"All right," said the man, "but please don't eat me." "Don't be afraid," she haughtly re-lied, "I never eat pork!"—"Pick-Me-

Judge-So the prisoner hit you on the head with a brick, did he? McGinty-Yes, yer honor. Judge—But it seems that he didn't quite kill you, anyway. McGinty—No, bad cess to him; but 'riss wishin' he had Ol do be Judge—Why do you wish that? McGinty—Begorry, thin Ol would have seen the shoundrel hanged for murther!-"Tit-



Policeman (to slightly sober individual, who is wobbling about in the road amongst the traffic)—Come, old man, walk on the pavement.
Slightly Sober Individual—Parement! Who do you take me for † Blondin ?

The light flannel shirt-wais

may be a possible garment for gen-eral wear, and no doubt tailors may

be found progressive enough to intro-duce it, but the ordinarily accepted shirt-waist man with his braces (the

hottest harness possible, my men

friends tell me), his reeking linen and

his homely bifurcated garment, with

his homely bifurcated garment, with its waist buckle and slack shoulder strap, is quite impossible in any society worth mentioning. There are men whose bravery and disregard of appearances for years permitted them to occupy prominent positions on their own doorsteps in what is now known as the

prominent positions on their own doorsteps, in what is now known as the
shirt-waist garb. It is for the rest of
the world to wonder, if not to dimer.
That the shirt-waist man isn't the
whole of it was shown one day last
week in a busy office, when a sweltering junior doffed his coat and waistcoat for a short respite, and was peremptorily ordered by the "boss" to

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I am told, nothing is cooler these

try August days.

resume them, though the mercury

semblance of an outer garment, how-ever, can be evolved with propriety in the flannel shirt-waist, than which,

Any Kind of Money.

"Do you take American money

here?" is a query put at the Paris Exposition by many a citizen of our republic, particularly when, toward the end of his stay, he finds his stock of francs running low, and doesn't wish

to strain his letter of credit at the

Societe Generale for another five hundred of the unstable coins.

at first-class hotels. The following verbatim reply, given to a similar

question on the writer's part by the smiling Boniface of a large hostelry near the Trocadero end of the fair,

was therefore the more humorous in

"With ze great pleasure, monsieur

pfennig dey haf got.

Often the answer is a shrug, even

LADY GAY

Buffalo Beauties

The Impossible Shirt-Waist. AST Sunday we took a drive out

by one of Buffalo's beautiful boulevards, and inspected what begins to be the earnest of a very fine Exposi-tion next May. Having seen nearly half a dozen of these big af-fairs, at Philadelphia, Paris, Chicago, Brussels, and Hamburg, in by-gone years, one gets a bit critical. The Buffalo people have a fine site and an accessibility which ought to encourage hope and ensure a fine attendance. Fifteen thousand people went out on Sunday just to see how things were getting along, which sounds promis-ing for the local interest. The Exposition Board have completely finished the structure known as the Service building, which is another way of naming the Administration building we all grew familiar with at the World's Fair in 1893. It is such a

pretty, quaint Spanish Moorish de-sign, with pale terra cotta and yellow and white stucco, and sign. scalloped arches and min-and its little garden and arets, lawn is a picture of greenery and hardy flowering plants, and healthy-looking shrubs and climbing vines. Quick-mounting climbers are strung up the sides of the Service building. and on its deep Moorish balcony, ove the entrance, are brilliant boxes of bicoming plants. It is a completed and gem-like specimen of what we shall have when the snowy palaces, which stand bare-ribbed and unstuc-

goed, are finished, clothed in their imitation marble coats, sections of which lie about like Grecian ruins, but ready to be fitted together into noble arches and columns and panels over the skeleton palaces, before frost comes. They have dug and dyked a huge ditch all around these skeleton palaces (by the way, on those torrid days last week they recalled Sydney

its rare exuberance. Smith's absurd wish to "take off his skin and sit in his bones"), and again, sall we take ze moneys Americain and ze moneys Anglais as well. We just as a sample, have filled one of its sections with water and sodded the pretty sloping banks, on which have take ze Spanish moneys also, dough zere iss now leetle enough of him to take since you Americains 'do him up,' een planted rows of tall, straight, slim roung poplars, which are growing vell, and will make the most charmwhat you call. We take ze Italian gold moneys and the papier, moreing of leafy avenues next year. Can't you fancy yourself sailing in a rose-colored gondola along the fair little over, dough zat is at a bad discount. We are happee also to take ze Roosian moneys, and we would be most glad river with its green sloping banks and its stately little poplar sentinels on each side? The landscape gardener has a large parterre staked out and to take all ze German moneys to de

ous function.

there on Monday, when a dozen bright and sociable women had a reunion They talked a lot of funny nonsense

inspired by trivial occurrences, and, as you may know, it's a knack to

talk funny nonsense. The only refer-

the twitter of a lovely little bride

about her new home, and, as she twit-

tered in French, it shouldn't be count-ed very largely. Books. plays, games,

jolly times, personal chaff and occa-sionally an onsaught of the whole bunch of laughter and applause as an

unusually smart "mot" or story was given, a sudden flutter to the plano after coffee and a rattle of rag-time or a trailing waltz melody, then lin-

gering good-byes and a mad rush to eatch a train home, which did not

wait to be caught. I have always had a soft spot in my heart for the Bison

City, and am deeply impressed just now with the fact that it is going to

be a very good place to pay a visit

The silly season has its usual crop

The silly season has its usual crop of inanities, and among them the shirt-waist man is being written about with a vigor worthy of a better cause. If the shirt-waist man doesn't catch pneumonia and oblige the shirt-

waist woman to nurse him through it, he will come out better than he de-

serves these days. And, by the way, he's not so new. One of the most dandified and prominent of our politi-

cal lights discovered the shirt-waist

many years ago, and has worn his shirt-waist of finest flannel for his early morning rides, and enjoyed a

to next summer.

ence to home matters I heard

We haf not refuse ze Turkish moneys as well, and ze moneys Egyptien. We haf some take, moreover, of ze good, fat Transvaal sovereigns of zat graded, and one can trace huge arabesques and ovals and wavy borders in the soil, which will glow with ger-aniums and lobelias and coleas and unfortunate Monsieur Kruger which he make lately. We take ze rupee de Bombay and Calcutta and ze mon-eys of Japan; and we sall not look ribbon-border delights generally, when President McKinley comes to open the Fair. Buffalo will have a andy little Exposition or I am more dan twice at ze money of ze

mistaken, and their good sense in the design and limit of the scheme does much credit to the Exposition Board.

Chinese when dey show him here—eef dey be not in iron. So you sall all fetch on your moneys," he cried, with much credit to the Exposition Board. cosmopolitan smile, "and we will The Zoo is just handy to the Expo "Vraiment, monsieur, dis year we take all ze moneys on de face of dis broad earth. Een Paree now we are sition, and out beyond there is a per-fectly charming country club-house, which is shared by smart men and what you say in Amerique—we are out for ze stuff!"—Youth's Comwomen for many a pretty and luxuri-ous function. I was at a luncheon

panion.

"Anna, what must you do before everything else, to have your sins for-'Commit the sins."-"Woman's Journal."



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which was already there, having been put in position some four or five years ago by an Englishman who, so far as known, was the first man to ascend Mount Stephen. It took him three days to go and return, of course, without a guide. While at the summit he attached a Union Jack to the pole. Last year, Mr. Ferrier, from the Mount Stephen House, ascended to the summit and brought back with him a shred, all that was left of the Union Jack. So far as is known, those are the only people who had previously reached the summit. He and his party left the summit at 2 p.m., and reached the Mount Stephen House at 7. The day after he left the house an American gentieman and his sister, two guides, were going to endeavor to reach the summit. It was a great feat for a lady to undertake, but she acomplished it successfully. They had a beautiful day and took several views. The lady stood the trir ex-ceedingly well, and certainly performa great feat.

"Here's a puzzle for you," said Mary to Annie. "This can be

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Annie puzzlei over it a long time

efore she gave it up.
"Why, it's easy!" said her friend. Sigsbee sent Dewey some Limberger heese."

"But where's the 'sent'?" "In the cheese!"

"Do you mean to insinuate that I can't tell the truth?" "By no means. It is impossible to say what a man do until he tries."-Chicago

"I told Miss Oldgirl the other evening, for a joke, that every time she laughed I wanted to kiss her,"
"Did she think you meant it?"

"Well, whenever I meet her now she begins to laugh for all she's worth."

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Islander.—1. Why should I pity you? And yet the Island on May 15th may have been rather advanced! Just now you're getting the good of it. 2. Your writing shows a good deal of imagination, an easy temper, truth, honor, social instincts, too much inclination to chatter, but some discretion as to subjects. You love beauty, have some taste and dislike d spute and conflict. You lack snap and decision of purpose. Writing is, however, very interesting, and much can be made of it. As I say to anyone who wants tol write, write, and if you can write well, you'll soon be discovered.

"Jane."—I haven't read either "Janica" imply and you will soon be discovered.

wants to write, write, and if you can write welf, you'll soon be discovered.

"Jane."—I haven't read either "Janice Meredth" or "Richard Carvel," simply because I haven't had time. Novel reading belongs to the lady of leisure or the paid reviewer, and I can only snatch a book here or there. In view of late interests, I shall try and skim your two and give you my verdict. 2. Your writing shows much crude force. I think you are sometimes a bit careless of good work, but you are young, are you not? You like to rule and have firm purpose and some self-assertion. If you do all you intend to do you'll be a worker, but I don't think you will. Don't despise the small graces. Your character will stand a lot of "gentling" and is worth it. I should like to have your definition of a thoroughly nice girl, if you will be so kind as to give it to me by post.

Jubilee.—And did you have the huge

Jubilee.—And did you have the huge shamrock suspended over your head? I hope you had a real good old Irish time, my bonnie lass. You are bright, inconstant, dominant, wilful, magnetic and determined. You don't care to be thwarted and have often clever hours. Not the seatest property. Not the easiest person to manage, and more likely to act from impulse than is at all wise. You are daring, energetic and somewhat original and have more heart than head.

A Joy Forever.—I am afraid the pale blue mushin is worn out by this time. The effect of stripes to make you tailer could be gotten by black insertions. Fancy the importance of it, you dear thing! One's first long frock! Mine—oh, so many years ago—was black grenadine, with pea-green The BE. SIMS TABLET CO., Torente, Ont.

ribbons. Fancy the style of me! I see a good deal of business ability and fancy you would be a success, but your writing is yet in transit between girlhood and womanhood. There is plenty of enterprise and adaptability. You are hopeful and slightly ambitious, fond of a good time, practical, very discret for your years, but sometimes over-confiding. I should fancy with time you'll make a strikingly smart woman.

should fancy with time you'n make a strikingly smart woman.

A Thing of Beauty.—Another would-be nurse? Well, I do begin to think homeloving has gone out of style, so many of my girl friends are anxious to exchange good homes for drudgery, care and servitude. You are an unsually good specimen, however. Why didn't you address your own envelope? I don't know any Philadelphia hospitals, but, of course, there is the usual number there. Honesty, generosity, independence and a good deal of good-tempered snap show in your lines, which, however, it wouldn't be fair to pick to pieces in their present development. Some of your letters are splendid; then come some so weak and trifling. This variation makes my difficulty.

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Graham or Grantam?

LORA is decidely pretty.

Moreover, she dresses
well. Flora is my cousin,

and her parent is the most peaceful-minded of

country parsons, in whose home I always spend my

summer holidays.

Fiora has queer ideas about men In the ordinary course of things there are only a middle-aged squire, the

curate, and two young farmers in the village. But once a year we organize a tennis tournament, and then the

whole countryside flocks to Dampdale, bombarding the vicarage until poor uncle has to go and write his sermons

in the gardener's cool cellar.

The middle-aged squire has two thousand a year, a mansion and estate of his own, is keenly desirous of seeing Flora wearing the family jew-

els, and has gone down on his knees

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Then there is Harry Manners, who comes down from London every summer, and who writes stories for magazines and comic songs for musichalls. He is a jolly fellow, and has excellent prospects of one day becoming an editor; so that Flora could not do better, in default of the squire. She declares the squire is too selfish—just fancy, with £2,000 a year!—and that Harry shows scarcely sufficient good taste in the selection of his songs. As for that curate—who, of course, worships Flora-we never mention him. which is the only comfort I can derive from the affairs of my ungrateful cou-

> The tennis tournament came round, and everything bid fair to pass off and everything bid fair to pass of beautifully. The squire had a houseful of jolly people, and Harry Manners brought down a friend—a well-known novelist, and a particularly handsome man, with whom, I noted. Flora appeared to be much taken. I therefore made a few inquiries, and discovered much that was of interest. He sold his last book for £1,000, and averages three volumes a year.
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> I did not lay these facts before

> Flora, because, like a foolish girl, she persists in_thinking I am mercenary. I kept my eyes wide open, and actu-ally entertained the squire and Harry all the evening, whilst she strolled about the grounds with Graham. That night I slept well. Flora had let fall a confidence, and I was satisfied. One of the most interesting func-tions in connection with the tennis ournament is the draw for the mixed-

> doubles competition. We are not allowed to choose our partners, but each lady draws the name of a gentleman on a slip of paper, which, of course, causes all sorts of fun and little jeal-ousles. I knew whom Flora wanted. and I meant to contrive it, if I could.
> I smuggled myself into the room where the slips of paper were, and, though it was dark, and I had no matches, I managed to decipher the name "Graham," and folded up the paper again, with a small pearl button inside, so that Flora could easily feel

> Fortunately, when the time came, she happened to be chosen first to draw her slip. I had, of course, told her what I had done, and she seemed pleased. Graham had undoubtedly made the best of his time. She fum-bled about in the box for some moments, drew forth a slip, and read Jut the name of Mr. Grantam, the curate!
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> I was horrified! I glanced at that
> horrid curate, and saw his sace cloud
> as he noticed Flora's pout of displeasure. But I bit my lip, and decided that it should not be. The chances of the best match that could possibly happen should not be ruined by that curate if a woman's clever-ness could prevent it. I called Flora to one side. She was on the point of

crying.

"Oh, why did you play me such a trick?" she exclaimed.
"Trick?" I retorted. "My dear girl.
I, too, am a victim; and the perpetrators the miserable half-light in uncle's study, and the abominable similarity

"Well, I won't play with him !" she "No. dear. you shan't," I assured er. "I'll see to that." "How?"

'll send him to pay a call on an ailing person three or four miles off."
"Oh, poor fellow: that would be a

shame! There, that is just Flora, I never knew a nicer girl as a friend, but she is so absolutely tender-hearted that she could never succeed in any enter-prise that needed a little tact. But this time I was determined to have my

silly girl," I said. "you know you want Graham, and not that imcourse. I prefer him." she admitted.

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"Then, unless you wish to scorn my help, you will do as I say. I've done my best so far, but an accident in a name has upset my calculations; so that, as I have got you into the trouble, it is my bounden duty to get you

"Yes, dear; but what do you pro-

pose?"
"To send a note to Mr. Grantam purporting to come from a sick person in the next village. It will be a capital test of his earnestness, too; and if he goes, and forsakes his charming partner, I'll really believe him to be almost as good as uncle makes him out. But he must go, for I've quite made up my mind he shall not play; and, as Mr. Graham was drawn for a bye, we

what do you say?"

"Oh, of course; you have arranged it all so cleverly. But it is hard on Mr. Grantam. Poor fellow! What will he say when he finds out?"

"Never mind: run away."

I wrote a note in a feigned hand, signed it with the name of a bed-ridden old lady I had heard of in a vil-lage some miles away, and gave a little boy twopence to run about until he was hot, and then present it to the

II.

Everyone was waiting for the first set to commence, when the lad ran upon the ground, and, in the most fa-tigued manner—thanks to my coach-ing—delivered the note to the curate. I saw him open it, watched him read, and searched his face for the disgust and disappointment I had expected. But he took it quite as a matter of course, clapped his hat on his head and strode across the lawn to look for

Flora.
I had sent her to the background, and went forward to meet him.
"Are you looking for Miss Eldridge?
She has gone in the house for a few

minutes,"
"Yes." he replied. "Would you mind
telling her that I am called away hurriedly to see an ailing parishioner at Upper Littleton? I am bitterly disap-pointed at having to forsake her: but

pointed at having to forsake her; but I know she will excuse me, for I cannot ignore this appeal."

"It is very noble of you to go, Mr. Grantam." I said: "and I'm sure Miss Eldridge will be very sorry."

As I had succeeded so far, so did my efforts bear fruit throughout the afternoon. Flora was paired off with Graham as a mutual arrangement, and they actually succeeded in winning their competition. Moreover, once, when I went to look for my cousin, they were sitting in a very secluded arbor, and I could have declared that he was holding her hand. Both ed that he was holding her hand. Both the squire and Harry Manners were in a fearful temper, of course, and went off together to play billiards at the Hall. But, then, they were quite out of the question now, and I was certain that Flora had at least been

That night she told me a little. Flora is a very careful girl, but I could see that he had not actually proposed. Well, perhaps it was rather too soon to expect it, and another couple of days might be early enough for good taste. But he meant it; and she—well, if he had spoken that night she would have become Mrs. Gilbert Graham, wife of the talented novelist,

Graham, wife of the talented novelist, who makes £1.000 out of each of his books, and writes three volumes a year. What a prospect for a country parson's daughter!

"Just fancy! Mr. Grantam has never called for a whole week—not since the tournament!" said Flora.

"Bother Mr. Grantam!" I exclaimed for I was in the midst of an in-

"Bother Mr. Grantam!" I exclaimed, for I was in the midst of an interesting passage in Mr. Graham's latest novel. "By the way, Flora, is Gilbert expected this week-end?"
"Yes; I think so."
"You think so? Well, I suppose it's becoming to affect indifference when a man with £3,000 a year is coming down on purpose to propose to you."

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She made no reply.
"Do you think Mr. Grantam is offended?" she asked presently.
"I shouldn't be at all surprised," I said. "To tell the truth, it's a very strong probability. But I shall be very much offended if, after all I have

done for you, you persist in troubling your conscience about that curate." She said nothing further, but I could see that she was uneasy. At dinner that evening she was pale and nervous. The vicar, too, was so quiet and solemn that I feared he must have discovered the trick we had played upon his favorite curate. There was an air of melancholy over all, and I determined that I would know the truth.

"Uncle, what has become of Mr. Grantam?" I asked. The vicar looked over his glasses at us both, and I had never seen him so

"I have very had news for you. my dears," he said, in a broken, kindly voice, that contrasted strangely with what I had expected to hear. "I would have kept it from you if it were pos-sible; but some day you must know. and it is better to unburden my heart. A terrible outbreak of typhoid has occurred at Upper Littleton, and one of the worst cases was that of poor old Mrs. Webster, the bed-ridden old woman I have so often spoken of. On the day of our tennis tournament a note was handed to poor Grantam, imploring him to go and see the old lady. Poor dear tad! Although he knew he risked his life, he went like a man, but foolishly without precautions. Now he is down with the fever, and I am hourly expecting to hear the

I gasped. Then my forged note had conveyed too real a meaning!

Flora had fainted. "We have gradually nursed him back to life," ran a letter I received from the vicar a fortnight later, when I had returned to London. "He passed the critical stage the day you left, and is gaining strength daily. It has been a terrible time, but he has been ery patient. Flora will write to you

Flora did write. This is what she said:

"Of course, we had to postpone Mr. Graham's visit, and I don't expect he will care to come when you are not

here. Of course, I am very grateful to you for all you have done for me. It was so good of you. Poor Fred Grantam is gradually getting stronger. He is so good and brave. I wish you could know him now. I think you would admire him immensely, for I never knew a man who was so good." never knew a man who was so good."
I burned that letter. It was too de-I burned that letter. It was too demoralizing to read a second time. I knew what it meant. Flora's heart was too tender to allow her to make a good match. Fancy that despised curate spoken of as the best of men! And there was Gilbert Graham, with three thousand a year, dying to see her again. her again!

A letter has just arrived from my

"The Vicarage, Dampdale.
"Dearest Norah,—You will be de-lighted to hear that Mr. Grantam is lighted to hear that Mr. Grantam is quite convalescent, and is staying with us until he goes away to Scotland for his holiday. I have never forgiven myself for my part in the cruel trick that almost cost his life; and I know you, too, must feel awful about it. I wondered if he could ever forgive us, so one evening, when we were alone. I cried awfully. He was so nice. He said it was the most fortunate thing that ever happened to him, and that he was truly grateful to you for furhe was truly grateful to you for fur-thering his interests. Your loving FLORA."

"P.S.—I must tell you he asked me to marry him, and I think it will be some time next spring."

The Fate of Finding.

A Sad Story of Blasted Fortune.

CAN count the memorable occa-sions upon which I have "found" anything, without the least strain upon my questionable mathema-tical abilities. They stand out

prominently in my mind, as oases in the desert where I concluded after all, perhaps I was destined to be the favored of fortune, in spite of the long stretch of evidence to the con-trary. Those few drops in the cup of woe have sweetened the whole course of my life up to date. They have kept me continually looking forward for something to turn up.

something to turn up.
But never in my most optimistic moments had I dreamed of finding anything as gigantic as a purse. Not even when I spied the crooked ten-cent piece on the sidewalk on the way to school. To be sure, on that historic occasion Hoggy Higgins, who was in a much lower class than I was, but who had already displayed talents that have since made him the wonderful man of business he is, demanded "havers," But sharing the money with Hoggy couldn't conquer that feeling of exul-tation and self-confidence that welled up in my bosom to find that I was not forgotten of the gods. I was being watched over, and although I wasn't getting much yet. I was being saved for something great. The crooked ten-cent piece was not of itself so valuable: it was the message it brought that 1 was favored, that fate was hanging near and was kind, if not overly de-

monstrative.

I can recall the first direct evidence I can recall the first direct evidence that the path I was treading led to eventual success, which came to me. I had always had a suspicion of it. It was born in me. As soon as I could think, it occurred to me that I was destined for great heights. We all are, I imagine, more or less, though everybody's idea doesn't take the same form. Mine took that of a horse car driver.

Mine took that of a horse car driver.

I was lying flat on my little stomach
on a hand-sleigh when it came—this
direct evidence. My well-beloved brother, who was a year and a half younger
than I was, and consequently less admired of the gods, was laboriously tug-ging at the traces. In order to acquire a fictitious sense of speed, I hung my head between the runners and gazed at the snow. It whizzed past from under me like a white squall. I felt I was riding in the clouds; the world was far

riding in the clouds; the world was far away.
Suddenly I was brought back. Something had caught my eye as it flew past. There was another and another. I waited for no more. With wonderful presence of mind I raised my head and rolled off the sleigh.

My brother trotted soberly on for a few yards and then the lightness of his load suddenly appealed to his intellect, an intellect clouded, for the nonce, by drudgery. He looked back over his shoulder and stopped. He saw him whom the gods delighted to honor, his elder brother, groveling in the snow and picking up money. With a shriek he flung himself on his face to grovel, too.

But the elder brother is fortune's son and heir. I found three coppers; my young brother sorrow and vexation of spirit. He refused to continue a beast of burden, and walked slowly home, his eyes held steadfastly on the ground. I followed with the sleigh, buoyed with elation. I knew he might look till doomsday and never find anything. I felt sure that I myself, being fortune child, might find something any tim But I didn't expect it that day. It is

misfortunes that never come singly.

That was years ago. I have found a crooked ten cent piece, a Yankee nickel and a variety of tobacco stamps since. I have lost a dollar bill and : pocketful of small change in the same time. The high hopes of youth have been tempered, though not But I no longer looked to find a con-cealed treasure. A twenty-five cent piece, a Fenian medal or a bunch of car tickets have long been the limits of my highest ambition. Imagine then the burst of feeling that overcame me the other evening on perceiving a purse lying in the public path. In a second all the old-time elation spread through my system. Proof! Proof! when I had long doubted. Destiny was on my side. But even as I stooped to pick it up I realized it was too late. Fifteen years ago it would have been a fortune. Now it was a well-worn woman's purse. Fifteen years ago it would have been the summit of my fancy's dream. Now I knew I could probably spend every cent in it and probably spend every cent in it and still be in debt. And worst of all, fif-teen years ago, finders were keepers. Now you have to advertise for the owner. I had grown honest. In the reaction of disappointment I

slipped the purse into my overcoat pocket without opening it. Two hours later, when safe at home, I emptied it calmly, without a trace of the old delicious excitement with which I re-member I found a cent in the pocket of an old pair of trousers and spent it on a pea-blower. I counted two dollars and sixty-seven cents, a yellow car ticket, a bill from a butcher, a receipt for four thirty-five, a clipping from a newspaper containing a poem on Baby's Hair, a plece of rib-bon screwed up in tissue paper, a ticket for a church social, a small pair of very dull scissors and a piece of

string.

The next day I advertised asking for a full description of contents. I received six replies. All took it for granted I had found their property and gave minute directions as to where to send it and the reward to where to send it and the reward to expect. All six purses contained ex-actly the same articles except that some of the poetry was about Babies'
Toes, most of them held more money
and two of them had no scissors. However, the rightful owner got it, after paying the advertising expenses. As for me, I'm afraid that life is but

OUTH AFRICA isn't so very far off after all! The following bits of goswin server.

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"Society, as represented at the Cape,
is necessarily very mixed. Of course
we have the military and their wois necessarily very mixed. Of course we have the military and their womankind, the naval men and their wowomankind, the civil servants and their little lot, wholesale merchants whether retired or not, some few private families, and, last but not least, the nouveaux riches. The latter, to give them their due, manage pretty quickly to pick up the facon of their quickly to pick up the facon of their neighbors, who are sometimes better off than they in the matter of blue blood, if not in regard to their bank-ing accounts. The position of premiere grande dame of Cape society is no sinecure, and at times our Governor's wives were harshly criticised. Take Lady Frere, for instance. The lady adopted drastic measures to insure the purity of the gubernatorial society receptions, and made it her business to know the people she could have about Government House, and those she could not. Several 'society' peop! could not. Several 'society' people received their conge under her regime, a curt little note being sent to the 'undesirables' saying that Lady Frere regretted having to strike so and so's regretted having to strike so and so's name off the Government House visit ing list. One young fellow, who had blue blood and money to boot, took his 'pill' badly, for it was not by any means 'sugar-coated.' He was going to demand explanations, etc., but quickly cried peccavi when he learnt all that Lady Frere knew. Another case was a lady whose father held a position in a sister colony. This lady was going home "under a cloud." Leave Frere wrote to warn her, on her arrival in Cape Town, that she did not val in Cape Town, that she did not expect to see her at Government House. But people "under clouds" have often great assurance, and this lady was no exception. Quite undaunted, she put in her appearance at the reception a day or two after, and her name being duly announced, she rer name being duly announced, she entered and made her way to Lady Frere, who, looking over her head, and ignoring her outstretched hand, quietly asked her aide-de-camp in attendance to see the lady to her carriage. It was an awkward contretemps, but there was no help for it. In the best



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House on visiting days, she was very much out of it, after all."—Quetta.

Spring Poetry From Nebraska.

N the spring the whiskered farmer drinks hard cider from a ean, throwing wads of burning language at the indolent hired man. In the spring the grand old granger plants his succotash and corn, and the chinchbugs come and eat it while he sleepeth in the morn. In the spring he sleepeth in the morn. In the spring the old sow wanders to some quiet fen or brake, and returns with seven piglets toddling cutely in her wake. In the spring the good dog Rover hides behind the bushes damp, waiting always, waiting ever, for a chance to nail a tramp. In the spring the bull so gentle, which has been a pet for years, gores the poor confiding farmer, sits on him and eats his ears. In the spring the youths and maidens go to picnic in the woods, packing with them in their baskets sandwiches and other goods; and they sandwiches and other goods; and they fall into the river, and the chiggers eat them up, and they come back

oned pup.

I have hot pains in my larynx and my liver is out of whack, there are creakings in my stomach, there are creakings in my back. When I go to bed at evening I can only roil and hen's nest. there was no help for it. In the best interests of society it was the correct thing to do: this lady's unhappy story had filtered through to her ears, and Lady Frere was obliged to do what must have pained her very much. The amount of "greasing of the wheels" practised in present Cape society is something astonishing, properly accredited society dames not being above turning an honest penny, as often as not taking doubtful people under their wings and obtaining for them the run of Government House. Some ladies are paid handsomely for so doing, one lady residing in the suburbs being particularly successful in this line. By the ordinary parvenut the fact of visiting at Government. this line. By the ordinary parvenu the fact of visiting at Government House is viewed as the grand coup which will be the 'open Sesame' to all society. I was much struck by this a few weeks back while travelling to town by an afternoon train. A very over-dressed 'lady' entered my compartment at a certain station and a very quietly dressed lady was sitting by the state of the spring your lawn is pretty and you related to part and the chickens come and scratch it all to thunder and repeat. In the spring your lawn is pretty and you related to be a blind man." "So I am," replied the beggar who had been and the chickens come and scratch it all to thunder and repeat. In the spring you lawn is pretty and you related to be a blind man." "Freeding a paper, are you? I thought you claimed to be a blind man." "So I am," replied the beggar who had been the spring your lawn is pretty and you related to be a blind man." "Freeding a paper, are you? I thought you claimed to be a blind man." "So I am," replied the beggar who had been the partial to thunder and repeat. In the spring you make a garden, full of things you like to eat, and the chickens come and scratch it all to thunder and repeat. In the spring the willy stranger comes to sell a patent oat, and he gets the had." "And "exclaimed to be a blind man." "Fool am," replied the beggar who had been the partial to thunder and repeat. In the spring you make a garden, full of things you like to eat, and the chickens come and scratch it all to thunder and repeat. In the spring the willy stranger comes to sell a patent oat, and he gets the had." "And "exclaimed the policeman, "reading a paper, are you? I thought you claimed to be a blind man." "So I am," replied the beggar who had been the principle. The partial to thought you claimed to be a blind man." "The partial to thunder and repeat. In the spring you make a garden, full of things you like to eat, and the chickens come and scratch it all to thunder and repeat. In the spring the will appear to the partial to thought you mak very quietly dressed lady was sitting point to it with pride, till some cat-opposite me. The over-dressed one the come and spoil it in the silent

asked she of the lady. "No," was the reply, "not this afternoon. There is on sauerkraut, cistern water and always such a crowd on reception sliced beets. Oh, a woman's in her always such a crowd on reception days, and I prefer going for a quiet chat and a cup of tea on non-visiting days." Tableau! the parvenu was completely crushed! It perhaps dayned on her that, notwithstanding sleep upon the porch, and he feels so her being able to go to Government plumb disgusted that he can't enjoy plumb disgusted that he can't enjoy his torch. When the blamed old cleaning's over, then the wife is taken ill, and it keeps her husband busted buying dope and drug and pill; and the mansion is no cleaner than it was when she began, but she'd slay him if he said so—and he is a prudent man. dent man.

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An Edinburgh mother of three small boys says the best way to preserve fruit is to place it on a high shelf in a dark closet, then lock the door.

Guide—This is Bunker Hill. Visiting Briton (also a golfist)—Ah! that was a bunker, to be sure.—"Puck."

Manager - What do you n gave her a very slight bow, and proceeded to inform this lady in particular, and the occupants of the compartment in general, that she was on her way to the reception at Government House. "Are you not going?" the come and spoil it in the silent eventide.

In the spring the groaning husband ager here, or am 1? Employee—I know I'm not the manager. Manager—Very wife must clean the mansion, and she doesn't care a darn; and the why do you talk like an idiot?—"Titment House. "Are you not going?"

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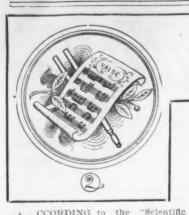
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omposers. They have done good and

useful work, not to be despised or un-derrated; but where is the female

Mascagni or Dvorak, or Tschaikowski, or Coleridge-Taylor? As imitators of

differences between man's and wo-

man's nature. Science has not yet

been able to explain any difference be-yond a physical one, and how far that

operates in the domain of intellectual

is not easy to account for woman's success in prose fiction and her com-

plete failure in musical production."

of whom are peasants and day labor

who appear to him to have more money than talent. One of the max-

spirit. In spite of the objections of a certain class of critics, no pianist who

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the Greek photinx, the German "onion" flute, the alto rackett, or sausage bas-soon, and the whit horn, which is made of a spiral twist of willow bark, pinned together with hawthorn prickles. Among the savage instruments there is a curious throat trumpet from Nyastaranga, in the Northwest Provinces.

Among the solo artists who may be expected to be heard in Toronto next season are Johann Kuberlik, the young American" a Chicago inventor has produced a musical bicy-cle, designed for the purpose violin virtuoso: Dohnanyi, Clara Butt cle, designed for the purificulty of furnishing music for the Lillian Blauvelt and Fritz Kreissler violinist.

> Mr. Harry Field will leave Toronto on his return journey to Leipsic on the 25th inst.

made to fit into that of the machine. A performance was recently given in On this frame are fitted plane wires, London of a selection of Purcell's Fairy while on the cross piece are some small hammers operated by pins on a cylinder and made to strike the wires. The cylinder is operated by gears placed at its left hand end, and Queen music. The libretto is an anony mous adaptation of Shakespeare's Mid-summer Night's Dream. The music is little known in these days, notwith-standing that it is said to be fresh, spontaneous and full of melody. It was driven from the crank shaft by a cord and pulley. The inventor forseeing that the rider may tire of the music, performed for the first time in 1692, at the Dorset Gardens Theater, London. has provided a small lever for throw-The original score was lost, and never ing out the gears and thus stopping the cylinder. The tune may be varied ered, although \$100 reward was offered by advertisement in the London by putting in new cylinders, and the time of the air may be quickened by Gazette for its return. The selection under notice was gathered together from the Royal Music Library at Buckincreasing the speed of the wheel. One can imagine that the new machine can be made to serve a variety of useingham Palace and other sources, and a new edition is being prepared by Mr. ful purposes. If one has a rival in J. S. Shedlock, and will be published by love, living say on Jarvis street, one Speaking of the numbers produced at the recent performance, grinding out on the machine Why Don't You Get a Lady of Your Own? If on the other hand one wants to find "Musical Times" says: "Among the songs which particularly took one's fancy were Hark! Hark! the echoing air, a delightful soprano ditty; If Love's a Sweet Passion (tenor); Oh! Let Me that plays appealingly I Want You Weep (contralto), an air with a beautiful violin obligato; the Song of the Four Seasons (a song cycle), and the A writer in the London Musical coquines has discovered that women despite their emotional nature can never equa quettish duet. Now the Maids and the equally captivating, the only fault that equal men in musical art. "As pro-ducers, as composers, they have done could be found with them was that they were too short. The accompaniments nothing beyond second best, and not were played by a quintette of strings. Here will be a good opportunity for our choirmasters to introduce some of much of that. For some reason not Here yet understood, the feminine nature our court has never yet produced a Beethoven, this music of the great English master as it has never yet produced a Shakes-peare. No true woman will think of to the Toronto public

contradicting this assertion; it is a matter of fact, not a controversy. the Musical Record should be of special interest to teachers of harmony at the Conservatory and College of Music: The text books are singularly reticent on the fact that the rules they build up so painfully apply to certain harmonic territory, and are just reversed in other districts. Take progressions in thirds and sixths, for instance; the sweetish third and sixth grow raucous when written in the lower ranges (as many of the chords of Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms attest), and the rank fifth becomes solemn and gorgeous. A gland failure. It is useless to theorise about ; at the theory of overtones and the nareaches other rules misapply. In fact much of our harmony is an obsolete heirloom from the time when the or-chestra was small and harum-scarum. creation can only be judged by facts. and the ancestor of the piano was a toy not by degmatizing or theorising. It of only a few medial octaves."

of Seattle has one of the best choirs in the United States, at St. Mark's Church. Mr. A. S. Vogt and Mr Edward The choir consists of nity voices and a Mr. A. vogt.

Fisher, when last heard from were solo quartette. There are twenty boys, in Munich, where it may be imagined tweive women, and twenty-two men, that they were tempering the effects of the heat with copious draughts of the heat with copious draughts of the choir was organized ten years ago, that beverage which flows like water and is now under the direction of Mr. like honey for which the Charles C. Englehard. The repertory includes Gounod's Redemption, Handel's "It is one of the strangest facts of musical history," says a New York writer, "that the dryest and least emotional composer of the second half of the present century. Johannes Brahms, died worth 200,000 florins, whereas the melodious and infinitely more inspired Rubenstein might have starved had it not been for his piano playing. No fewer than twenty-two blood relatives of Brahms—nineteen of whom are peasants and day labor— Messiah, Hayden's Creation, Mendels-

The current number of the "Musical of whom are peasants and day laborers—have been after his property; but the case has been decided against them. Brahms left no legal will, but simply expressed a desire in a letter to his publisher Simrock that his money should be divided between the Liszt Society of Hamburg and the Czerny Society of Vienna, which he standards changed making the Gestlemann and the contractions are trained, and, judging the standards of the Erichard Research and the contractions are considered as the contraction of the "Musical Times" has an interesting article on the course of Musical Times and interesting article on the course of Musical Times has an interesting afterwards changed, making the Gesafterwards changed c a musician. From two or three years The veteran planist and teacher Leschetitzky celebrated his seventieth birthday a few weeks ago in Vienna, his pupils participating. Notwithstanding his age, he is said to be as busy as ever in imparting his knowledge of the art of plano playing to go to the conducted by the co

scores of students. According to an independent professors appointed by Austrian journalist "whole shiploads of pretty girls come to his studio from to the qualified form, a student must America every year." Many of them, however, have to content themselves prove that he has obtained proficiency as a performer on at least one par-ticular instrument; that he has passed with a lesson or two a month. He is the teacher who prepared Paderewski, a course of practical instructi all other instruments employed in mill-Essipoff, Hambourg and Gabrilowitch for the concert stage, and whenever he has a pupil of great promise, he refuses, we are told, to accept paytary bands and in the whereby he has acquired a satisfac gering, correct manner of blowing ment for his instruction, indemnifying etc., and is qualified to give instruchimself by the sums he charges those tion on all these instruments. He must also have obtained a first-class certificate of education. Really, the future bandmasters of the British Army ought to reflect credit on the service. ims of the Leschetitzky school is that the German classical masters must be interpreted in the modern romantic CHERUBINO.

> "What do you mean," said an irate guest at a seaside hotel, "by sending me to a room with no curtains on the windows facing the streets?"

Evolution and the "Strenuous Life." AN in peace is a domesticated animal; he lives in security and his fighting instincts.

come dulled. Hence he runs the risk of defeat at the hands ' more warlike, though less civilized tribes. So argues M. Felix Le Dantec in an article in the "Revue Encyclo-pedique," entitled "Peace and Decad-

ence." Says this writer.
"We love to dream of universal and everlasting peace; we are apt to see always the cruel and sad side of war in stead of its heroic side; we are no longer in that barbaric period of the world's history when martial qualities were regarded as the highest of the manly virtues. We now look upon thinkers and scientific men as the true elite of humanity, and it is only it times of unthinking enthusiasm that we admire conquerors. Such periods of enthusiasm must be regarded as hered tary remnants of the feelings of a past age, whose only glory was in victory The dream of a Tolstoy is infinitely fine than the career of a Napoleon, but if we can see to the bottom of things we shall find that this dream is a Utopia; we must have war or its equivalent if men are to remain brave, and we mus have injustice if men are to remain just. The human species is a poor

thing! "The two great evolutionists, Lamarck and Darwin, agree in demon strating that races degenerate in times i prosperity. With Darwin, the factor of progressive evolution is na tural selection, that is to say the disappearance of the least favored indi-viduals in favor of the most fit; but alas! in the history of prosperous races we find an inverse artificial selection that fatally determines a regressive evolution. The affections of man for his kind induces him to care for the diseased individuals who, left to themselves, would certainly have disap-peared; but the condition that this should be possible is that there should be a considerable amount of prosperity in this country; in a poor country o one in war, inferior individuals have less chance of preservation."

Exactly the contrary of this is true M. Le Dantec tells us, in the case of domestic animals. In rich countries, the inferior animals are willingly sac-rificed and the breed is kept up while in poor regions the owners have so few animals that they are unwilling to give up even the inferior ones, and the breed falls off. Man is doing for himself in prosperous countries—he i keeping carefully all the inferior types and this is a prime cause of the de adence due to prosperity. So much eachings show us that another set o forces is working in the same direction and that we cannot withstanl them for they are the result of existence

itself. Says the writer:
"Lamarck teaches us that our or-gans are developed by exercise and trophied by inactivity, and that the esults of this development or atrophy results of this development or atrophy are transmitted by heredity. Animals hat live in a state of nature are alive secause they have resisted all destrucive agencies, and they eans of special organs that are con-nually being exercised. Now the inually man of a prosperous race has succe man of a prosperous race has succeeded in sheltering himself from these destructive agencies without having to
struggle against them; he therefore
loses progressively the use of all the
organs that give him power to fight
directly against the elements."

Take, for instance, the destructive
agency of cold, says M. Le Dantec.
Wild animals are able to resist this

Wild animals are able to resist this successfully, but man avoids cold instead of fighting it; hence, if exposed to wintry weather without clothing, he would inevitably perish. This is also true in the case of all other destructive agencies; civilized races are be-coming less and less fit to contend individually against hostile environment because they grow up amid con-ditions where such strife is unneces-

erect because of the dangers they en-countered. The muscles that made the ears of the wild dogs so admirable a defensive weapon have atrophied pro

"In the man who has lived long in peace, the warlike instincts become softened; we strive against this pro gressive atrophy by means of the physical exercises called sports, which are a sort of imitation of war; but that loes not prevent the decadence of certain parts of our nature. The more we live in peace, the more horror we have of war. We admire no more those whom our ancestors honored above a so we find ourselves in a fat: ondition of inferiority compared with hose neonles whose harbaric instinction f their moral and intellectual devel opment. It has always been thus: the Romans conquered the Greeks. But, after all, was it not more honor to France to produce a Pasteur than 2. Napeleon?"

A Fairy Story.

Sister (finishing the story): And so hey were married and lived happily ever afterward.
Tommy: And is that why you call t a fairy story?

"How does your girl treat you, John?" asked the mother. "She doesn't treat me at all, mother; I am obliged to treat her every time."

Lord Russell of Killoween (when Sir Charles Russell) was once questioning a witness about the size of certain hoof-prints left by a horse in sandy roll. "How large were the prints?" the music exhibition at the Crystal Palace, London, are some curious specimens of old time sound producers—
dirty dat no gurtains vare needed."

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Charles had to suspend the examination while everybody laughed.

The house surgeon of a London hos-pital was attending to the injuries of a poor woman whose arm had been severely bitten. As he was dressing the wound he said: "I cannot make out what sort of a creature bit you. This is too small for a horse's bite and too large for a dog's." "Oh, sir, replied the patient, "It wasn't a hanimal; It was another lydy."-"Pilot."

"I must be full of electricity," said C., proudly. "When I stroke a cat, all her hairs stand on end." "Oh, that's nothing," replied T.;
"my dog can make her do that by
just looking at her."

Muriel-Your brother proposed to me during the service in church last Sun-day. Zoe—You mustn't mind him, He

often talks in his sleep .- "Smart Set." Teacher-In the sentence, "Patrick beat John with his fists," what is Patrick? Bright Boy-He's Irish.-Philadelphia "Press."

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"What's a storm center, pa?" "A storm center is that member of a family who remains as cool as a cu-cumber while he makes all the rest raging mad."-Chicago "Record."

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paddle first, to not be 'fraid.
' then I'll maybe duck my head,
so that's the way my papa said
do, when you goes swimmin'.

ourse I can swim; you needn't laugh— ow old am 1? Two an' a half— y puppy swimmed in our big ba'f, guess I'm just as smart as him; ou just sit still and see me swim; Il float and dive like anyfing 'hen I gets started swimmin'.

Whoo! Gracious—ain't the water wet? And deep—a hundred feet, you bet! I don't just fink I'll go in yet— My papa's coming by and bye— I guess I'll walt, he's strong and high, And maybe he 'ud rarver I Let him take me in swimmin'!

Social and Personal.

Mrs. J. A. Macmurtry (nee Brodie), 55 Roxborough street, has gone to Bowmnville to visit friends of girlhood days, and before returning to the city will visit Port Hope.

Mr. Frank G. Bower, of Wilton crescent, was in Bobcaygeon, Kawartha Lakes, attending in the capacity of best man the marriage of a friend.

Mrs. Arthur Greene and little daughter, of "Soudan Villa," Rusholme road, are spending the month of August at Orchard Beach, Lake Simcoe.

Mrs. Frank E. Landmeier, Walnut Hill, Cincinnati, and Miss Julie Mayer, South Norwood, Cincinnati, are the guests of Mrs. Colin J. Stalker, 22 Au-

The guests of the Peninsular Park Hotel, Big Bay Point, have been making things very lively of late. Saturday a delightful dance was held, a splendid string orchestra furnishing the music. Some of the ladies' dresses were parti-cularly noticeable. Mrs. Purse wore a handsome gown of purple foularde. Mrs. McEvoy of Ottawa was in pale blue silk. Miss Tugman, in a dainty gown of lavender peau de sole, Mrs. E. G. McConkey looked charming in black over pale blue silk. Mrs. W. J. Bradley wore a handsome gown of black satin. wore a handsome gown of black satin.
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young people. Miss Lillian Purse, the
little star of the evening, wore a dainty
dress of Indian silk. Miss Murgatroyd
of New York wore a dainty gown of
pink silk, trimmed with lace. Miss
Purse looked charming in pale green
slik. Miss Mills wore a very becoming
gown of white organdie over yellow
silk. Miss Mabel Tugman wore a very
pretty gown of white satin trimmed with
old point lace. On Sunday the guests old point lace. On Sunday the guest were treated to a pleasant little trip to were treated to a pleasant little trip to Jackson's Point, which was enjoyed by all. A jolly house party—Mr. C. F. Tugman, Mr. W. Hillock and Mr. R. W. Reford presented Mr. W. J. Bradley, the popular proprietor, with a handsome walking cane before leaving, and many speeches were made by those

Mr. Oliver and Mr. E. W. Oliver, Lippincott street, have been spending their holidays in Ottawa, Mattawa and Blind River, Algoma.

Among the arrivals at Hotel Del Monte, Preston Springs, are Mr. J. W. Toole of St. Marys, Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks of Elora, Mr. L. Cooper, Mrs. E. H. Bolton, Miss R. Bolton, Miss Thorburne, Miss M. Thorburne, Miss Symons and Miss Florence Tempest of Toronto ,Miss Grace Howell, Mr. M. Docherty and Miss Georgie Mills of Checkby Mrs. R. A. Compebble of Homes. Guelph, Mr. R. A. Campbell of Hamilton, Mr. Thos. Robinson of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Davis of Brantford, Mr. E. H. W. Cockam of Guelph, Mr. W. J. Bickerton, Mr. W. A. Donaghue of Woodstock, Mr. W. Cooke Mr. John Sharp, Mrs. R. Hayters, Mrs. E. C. Berkinshaw of Toronto, Mr. and Miss Fenwick of London, Mr. James Morry of Ingersoll, Mr. John Patterson of Hamilton, Mr. Morton N. Todd of

Mr. J. W. F. Haerison, Mrs. Harri-Mr. J. W. F. Harrison, Mrs. Harrison (Seranus) and Miss Frances Harrison are spending some time in the vicinity of Lakefield, Stony Lake. Mrs. Harrison is making a study of the beautiful scenery of that neighborhood for her forthcoming book.

Mr. Librarian Pardoe is rusticating n Muskoka. The canoe meet has had its headquarters at Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn's Island in Muskoka. The Cock-burn family having spent the summer at the seaside. Two happy members of the canoe meet were the recently wedded Mr. and Mrs. George Howell. Mr. and Mrs. Howell met at the canoe Meet in the Thousand Islands two years ago and a mutual esteem led to an engagement and their happy mar-riage some few weeks ago. Mrs. How-ell's large acquaintance among the canoers were delighted to have her at

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Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mulock and Miss Laing have returned from Prout's Neck.

The week's engagements have included several dinners at the Hunt Club. Some of the familiar faces are about town again and the usual Adelaide street tho't of a Boer inva- Stony Lake.

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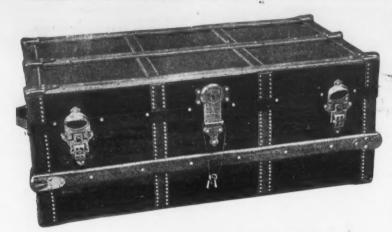
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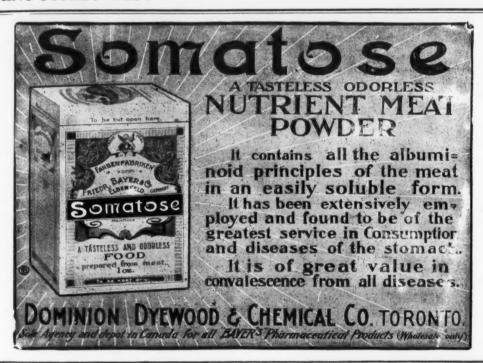
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top iv a house.

"But if I was king, ne'er an organgrinder'd get near enough me to take me life with a Hotchkiss gun. I'd be so far away fr'm th' multitood, Hignissy, that they cud on'y distinguish me rile features with a spy-glass. I'd have polismen at ivry tur'rn, an' I'd have me subjicks retire to th' cellar whin I took me walk. Divvle a bit wud ye catch me splattherin' mesilf with morthar an' stickin' newspapers in a morthar an' stickin' newspapers in a hole in a corner-shione to show future gin-rations th' progress iv crime in this clashry. They'd lay their own corner-clashry. They'd lay their own corner-clashry. ciachry. They'd lay their own characters shone, fr all iv me. I'd communicate with th' pop'lace be means iv ginral with th' pop'lace be means iv ginral with th' poplace be means iv ginral ordhers, an' I'd make it a thing worth tellin' about to see th' face iv th' gr-reat an' good King Dooley.

"Klags is makin' thimsilves too

common. Nowadays an arnychist drops into a lunch-room at a railroad depot an' sees a man settin' on a stool atin' a quarther-section iv a gooseb'ry-pie an' dhrinkin' a glass iv but-'D'ye know who that is?" mays th' lunch-counter lady. 'I do not,' says th' arnychist, 'but be ta' look iv him he ain't much." "I'nat's th' King,' says th' lady. 'Th' King, is it?' says th' arnychist. 'Thin here's f'r wan King less,' he says, an' 'tis all ver. A King ought to be a King or he oughtn't. He don't need to be a good mixer. If he wants to hang on must keep out iv range. Kings an' Queens that thrusts so much in th' lilety iv their people that they live in summer-resort hotels an' go out walkin' with a dog that's hurted. Th' an'y person that ought to be able to get near enough a rale King to kill him is a jook, or th' likes iv that. Th' idea iv a man fr'm Noo Jarsey havin' th' chanst!"

"What on earth's to be done about thim armychists?" Mr. Hennessy ask-"What ails thim, anyhow? What

"Th' Lord on'y knows," said Mr. Dooley. "They don't want anything, that's what they want. They want peace on earth, an' th' way they propose to get it is be murdhrin' ivry an that don't agree with thm. They think we all shud do as they please. They're down on th' polis foorce an in favor iv th' pop'lace, an' whin they've kilt a King they call on th' polls to save thim fr'm th' mob. Au' between you an' me, Hinnissy, ivry arnychist I've knowed, an' I've met abidin' citizens they was, t

makin' iv a thradeejan in him.
"If they was no newspapers they'd
be few arnychists. They want to get their pitchers in th' pa-apers, an' they can't do it be wheelin' bananas through th' sthreets or milkin' a cow, through th' sthreets or milkin' a cow, so they go out an' kill a King. I used to know a man be th' name iv Schmitt that was a cobbler be profession an' lived nex' dure but wan to me. He kep' a canary-bur-rd, an' his devotion to his wife was th' scandal iv th' neighborhood. But, bless my soul, how he hated Kings! He cuddn't abide Cassidy afther he heard he was Holstein, which was th' barbarous counthry he come fr'm. He cud talk fairly dacint about other Kings, but this wan—Ludwig was his name, an' I seen his pitcher in th' pa-aper wanst—wud throw him into a fit. He blamed furything that happened to Ludwig. If they was a sthrike he charged it to Ludwig. If Schwartzmeister didn't naw him. If Schwartzmeister didn't naw him. If Schwartzmeister didn't naw him. If schling soling name is to the second s Ludwig. If Schwartzmeister didn't pay him f'r half-solin' a pair iv Congress gaiters he used to 'wear in thim days, he tied a sthring ar-round his finger f'r to remind him that he had to kill Ludwig. 'What have ye agin' th' poor King?' says I. 'He is an opposition of the pays.' So arreprissor iv th' poor,' he says. 'So prissor iv the poor, he says. So arrece ye. I says, for ye'd mind boots free. He's exploding the prolotoorlo, he says. Sure, says I, the prolotoorlo can explode thimslives pretty well. 'He oughtn't to be allowed to 's. 'An' wud ye be killin' a man holdin' a nice job?' says I. Tr holdin' a nice fob?' says I.
'What good wud it do ye?' says I.
'I'd be th' emancipator iv th'
people, 'says he. 'Ye'd have th'
wurrud on th' coffin lld,' says I. 'Why.'
says he. ' think iv me, Schmitt, Owgoost Schmitt, stalkin' forth to avinge th' woes iv th' poor,' he says, 'Loodwig th' cursed goes by. I jumps fr'm behind a three an' society is freed fr'm th 'monsther,' he says. "Think iv th' glory iv it.' he says. 'Owgoos' Echmitt, emancipator,' he says. 'I'l Echmitt, emancipator, he says. 'I'll brove to Mary Ann that I'm a man.' he says. Mary Ann was his wife. Her maiden name was Riley. She heerd him say it. 'Gus.' says she, 'if Iver I hear ly ve shootin' e'er King I'll break ivry bone in ye'er body an' lave

ye.' she says. "Well, sir, I thought he was jokin." but he hivins, wan day he disappeared, an' lo an' behold, two weeks afther I picks up a pa-aper an' r-reads that me brave Schmitt was took up be th' police f'r thryin' to cep a monarch fr'm behind a three. I sint him a copy iv a pa-aper with his pitcher in it, but I don't know if iver he got it. He's over there now, an' his wife's takin' in washin.'

"It's varity, that makes arnychists, Hinnissy-vanity an 'th' habits Kings has nowadays iv bein' as common as life insurance agents." "I don't like Kings," said Mr. Hen-

nessy, "but I like arnychists less. They ought to be kilt off as fast as they're They'll be that," said Mr. Dooley. "But killin' thim is like wringin' th' neck iv a mickrobe." F. P. DUNN.

The Steer's Sensitive Side.

For a long time the tanners who were puzzled by the fact that one side of the hide was usually perceptibly thicker and heavier than the other. A thoughtful cowboy who was visiting

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an Eastern tannery was told of the fact, and accounted for it in the following way: Every steer is branded on one of its flanks with its owner's particular device. The branding pro-duces a painful burn, and it is several days before the hide entirely heals. While the burn is healing the steer naturally takes all possible precausions to favor the sore side, and there-fore lies down with the branded flank A few days suffice uppermost. form the habit of lying only on the unbranded side. This, of course, protects one side from the biting winds of winter, and at the same time inter-feres more or less with the circulation of the blood and the normal de-

elopment of the tissues.
The other side, on the contrary, becomes thick, tough and healthy. This may or may not be the right explana-tion of a well-known fact, but it seems to be quite within the bounds of proba-

"What's the difference between a professional golfer and an amateur?" "Oh, the professional gets paid for his blame foolishness."-Atlanta "Con-

Queen Victoria's knowledge of every detail, not only of the various houses, but also of the parks and gardens connected with the many royal palaces, is said to be wonderful. Within a few hours of the court arriving at Osborne, the Queen makes a tour of those gardens which are close to the house, her first visit generally being paid to the lovely myrtle planted by the Prince Consort in 1858 from a sprig taken from the Empress Frederick's wedding nosegay. The sprig erick's wedding nosegay. The sprig flourished, and is now a fine bush, and during the last forty years it has sup-plied innumerable pieces of myrtle for the embellishment of royal bridal bouquets.

copied the eagle from a milk can. The padre explained that he thought it was a Yankee. Later he fined the artist three pesos.—Hartford "Courant."

frequently walks to Bartin, ten miles distant, to sell eggs. He has had thirty-four wives, the last of whom he married only a few days ago. The bride is sixty years his junior, and the marriage was celebrated with much solemnity, to the sound drums and fifes and of volleys from firearms. The whole village was en fete. The wedding procession in-cluded all the male progeny of the patriarch bridegroom, consisting of one hundred and forty sons, grand-sons and great-grandsons. The num-ber of his female progeny is not stated. stated.



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a son.
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Herbert—Aug. 7. Mrs. J. Herbert, Ottawa, a son.
Gale—Aug. 10, Mrs. J. W. Gale, Ottawa, a son. in hot weather unless he uses shields and safety-pins, which he never does, but the bare-headed girl is a joy to a son.
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